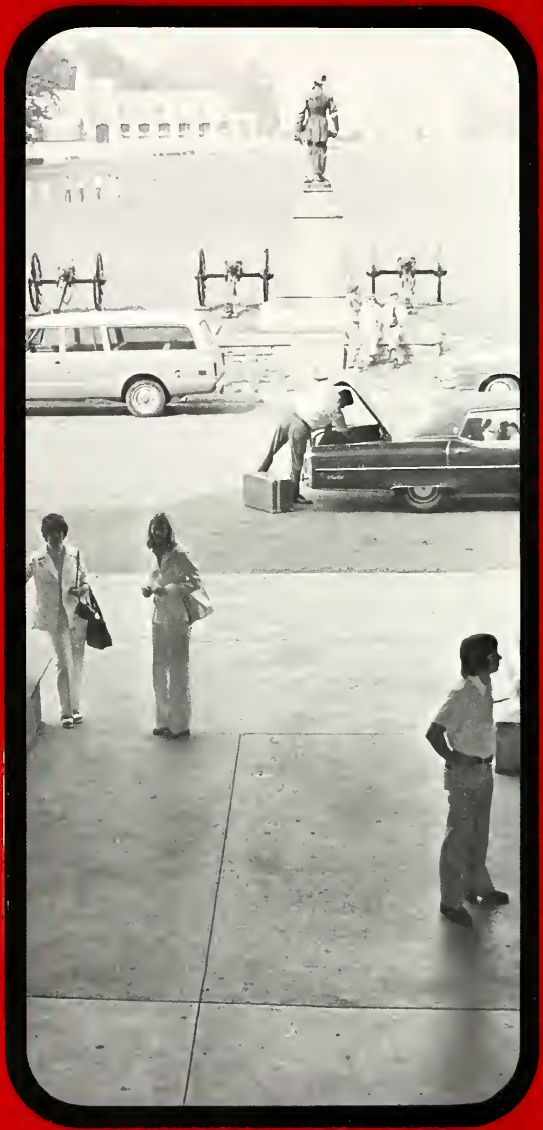
76 ROME

VMI is a turning point. The Institute produces a special breed of graduate. Many matriculate for numerous reasons — few gain the VMI diploma. Why does a man come to VMI? The reasons are varied: athletics are important to some, the academics attract many, the small size of the Institute influences a few, and a small percentage choose VMI as a road to a military career. Tradition plays a part in the decision of some — family habits are often difficult to break.



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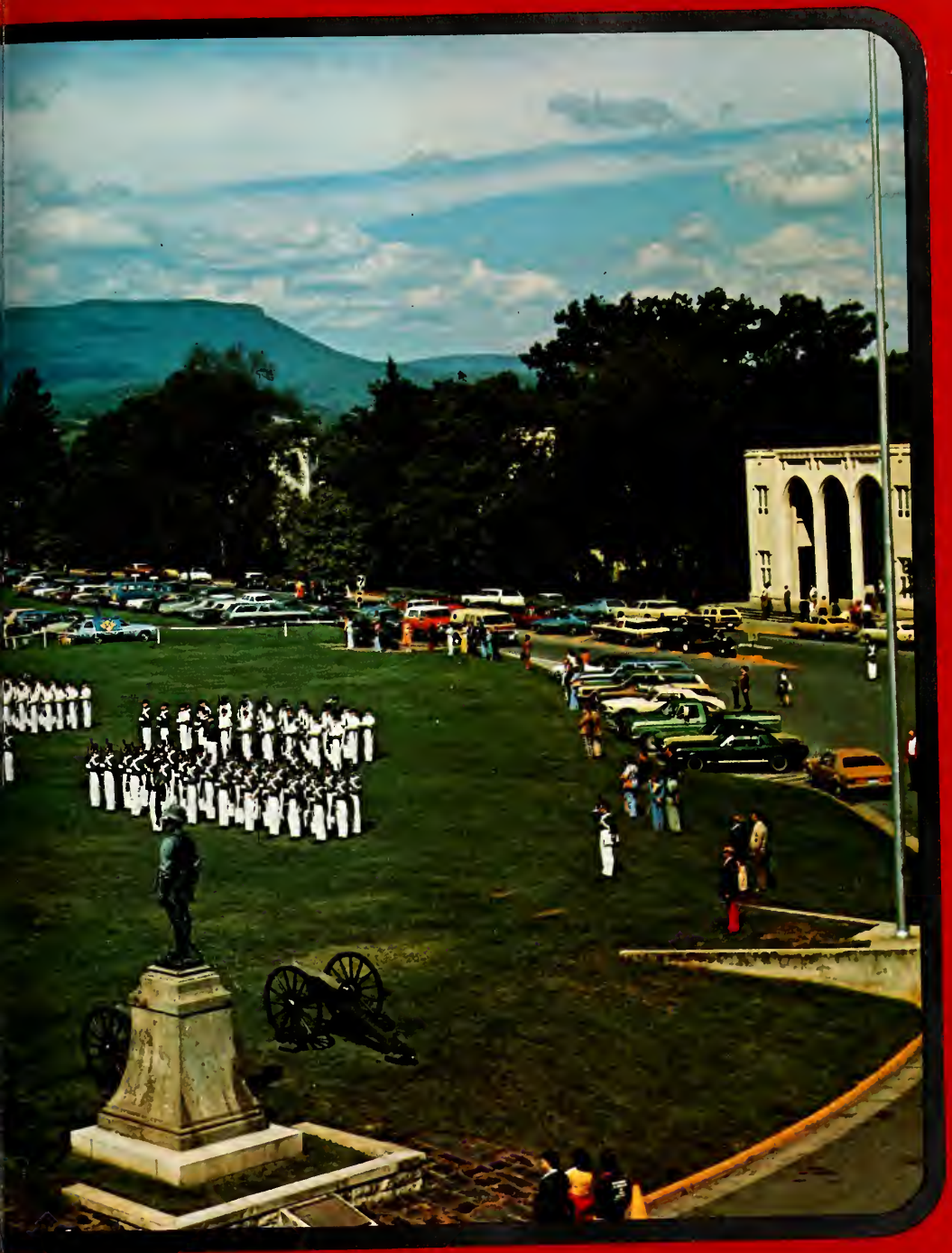

Having entered VMI, he has two routes to travel; he can persevere for the entire four years . . . or he can leave. The military system turns some away, while the physical requirments weed out the weak. The Ratline claims many casualties. The lure of greener pastures capture those who enjoy a steady social life — the transgressions of a few attract the attention of the Honor Court. Other aspirants are eliminated by rigorous academic standards.

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D. G. Roberts
D.G. ROBERTS
CDT. PVT. 3RD CLASS

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Those few who stay at the Institute receive more than the VMI diploma. They share in the fires that temper the bonds of friendship. The mystical link between VMI alumni is conceived during cadetship and matured after graduation. During the process of cadetship a special pride is developed; in the school, in the class, and in the self. A VMI man learns to value his honor — he lives with honor and acts with honor. The VMI system disciplines a cadet with a stern code and a spartan life . . .

Virginia Military Institute

Be it Known, that

Cadet Andrew Payne of Rockbridge Co. County

Having been carefully examined on all the branches of the Arts, Sciences and Literature, taught at the Virginia Military Institute, has been judged worthy to receive the Degree required by Law to be conferred upon

Graduates

In Testimony whereof and by virtue of Authority vested in the

GOVERNOR

OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

AND THE

Visiters and Faculty of the Institute,

DIPLOMA

Given at Lexington in the State of Virginia this Fourth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty six and of the Independence of the United States the Ninetieth Anniversary.

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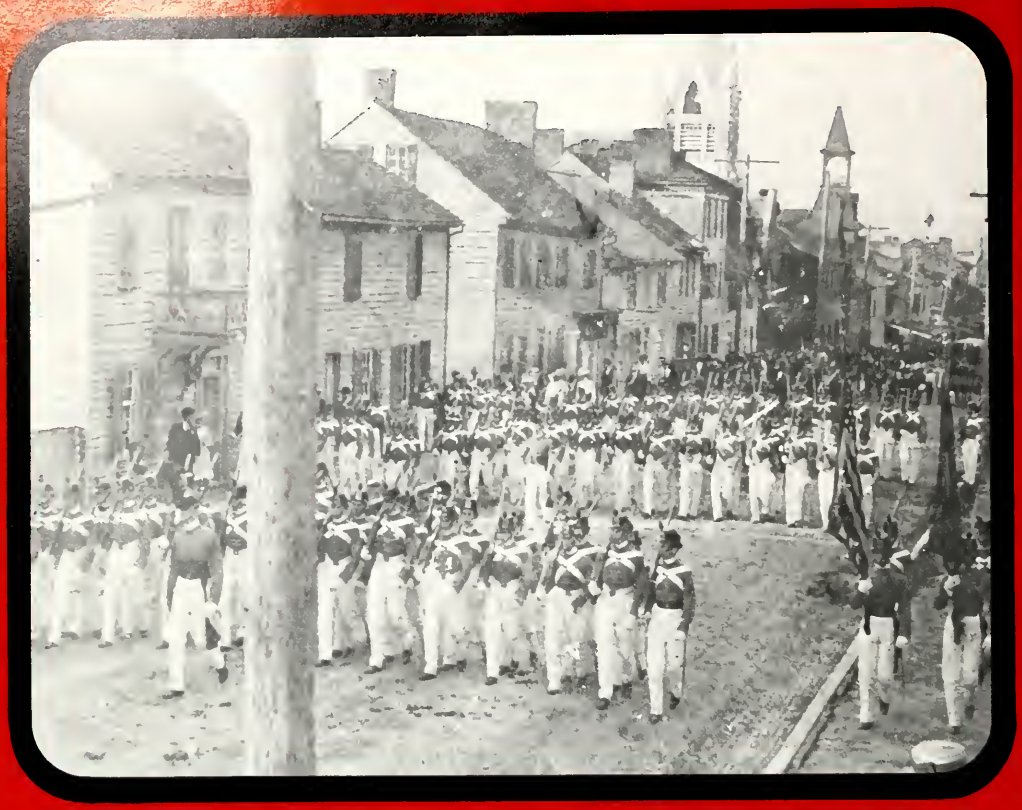
REPORTING OF DELINQUENCIES 30 - 31 OCTOBER 1975

SPECIAL REPORTS

Blank, JE	Failure to walk ratline, 30 Oct
Borojevich, G	Failure to sign up for room confinement, 30 Oct
Cafarella, PT	Creating a disturbance in barracks during ~~[illegible]~~ evening CQ, 30 Oct
Crim, DC	Not all right visiting evening CQ, 30 Oct
Dickerson, LW	Failure to inform self of status, 31 Oct
Doerr, DR	Creating a disturbance in barracks during evening CQ, 30 Oct
Faist, JA	Creating a disturbance in barracks during evening CQ, 30 Oct
Hammond, GJ	Absent PT's, 30 Oct
Hutchings, ED	Disrespect to a member of the guard; i.e., telling him to "shut up" 31 Oct; also to a cadet captain
Kelly, DG	Not all right 4th CP, 31 Oct
Leavitt, JE	Not all right evening CQ, 30 Oct
Manning, WW	Creating a disturbance in barracks during evening CQ, 30 Oct
McCourt, TP	Trifling with a Rat Co.; i.e., unauthorized entry into Rat Co. ranks marching up from Mess Hall, 30 Oct
Morris, BC	Creating a disturbance in barracks during evening CQ, 30 Oct
Parry, DG	Creating a disturbance in barracks during evening CQ, 30 Oct
Pleasants, JB	Missed interview iwth teacher, 28 Oct
Replogle, ~~XX~~ TJ	Failure to sign up for room confinement, 30 Oct
Smith, DE	Failure to walk Ratline, 30 Oct
Stamey, FM	Creating a disturbance in barracks during evening CQ, 30 Oct
Stevens, NS	Imp precedure as recorder; i.e., failure to check All Up on OCMNI slip, 31 Oct
Stranger, JC	Shower shoes under table, shoe rack in disorder, books on table and towel imp displayed, 31 Oct

. . . But it makes him a better man.



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DEDICATION

The highlight of every cadet's day is looking into his mailbox, brushing aside the spider, and grasping a letter. Mail brightens up the day more than a cancelled MEI.

For as long as we can remember, Mrs. Elizabeth Messick has delivered our meager reminders of civilized life into our mailboxes, and still had time to stop and cheer up a glum Keydet who stands forlorn and forgotten.

Alas, much to the sorrow of the Corps, Mrs. Messick will graduate with the class of 1976 — for she must retire in September of 1976. She views the severing of a long and enjoyable association with the Corps with as much sorrow as the Corps does. She voices her sentiments on her retirement: "I like it here, I hate to leave. I'll miss the cadets, but I'll be able to work part time so I'll still see my boys."

There are cadets who, stranded at the "I" over a vacation, have been welcomed into the Messick home. Other cadets have been invited to the table for a fine Sunday dinner. The 1976 BOMB is hereby dedicated to Mrs. Messick, for she has proven a true friend to the Corps and is deserving of far greater honors than we can bestow on her.

THE FIRST CLASS

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President

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Vice President

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Historian

THE CLASS OF 1976

On August 24, 1972 we signed our names on a roster that afforded the waiting list to the future. For four years our names have been listed and we have survived the challenges of life. Yes, it was life. But not a life familiar to most.

Virginia herself was a challenge to those who didn't know her. Military was the discipline that many couldn't understand. Institute was the road to learning that all of us traveled, but at different speeds. Separately, these three words, Virginia, Military, Institute, were challenges to each of us. But combined these three words formed the one challenge for all of us.

The challenge of V.M.I. was great and only by combined effort and will did we survive, and achieve our one true denominator; graduation.

Byron Dodd Adams

"Barney, Barn, Weasel"
Lexington, Virginia
English — Field Artillery

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Football, Track 4, 3, 2, 1; Ghetto, AMOST; Comeback Club

The first night that I met Barney, I thought it would be the last, but somehow he endured his first year maybe just because of all the fun.

Rat year Barney made many good friends who would come to visit him late at night. There were many times that year that shaving cream and banana bread were our main source of fun. Probably one of the most memorable experiences other than the radiator at the Heritage House would be our Christmas party for the Mole, and of course we did not start it.

At the end of the Rat year, and as before, we felt that Barney would return, but this time he kept his word. Our second class year he decided that the "L" held what he wanted, so he returned to the room with Nasp, Stick, and myself. It took a while, but he finally readjusted to the VMI life again and late at night there would be many discussions between Weasel and Stick. There have also been times in which you would hear him say, "Yes you do", and "No I don't", but with a line like that you would just have to concede.

This year with a new roommate is also interesting, and AMOST will be broken up in May, however our representative of '76 will stay for another.

Will Crawford Adams

"Will", "W. C.", "Baldy"
Martinsville, New Jersey
History — Field Artillery

Ameoba Crew 3, 2, 1; Band 4, 2, 1; Bomb Staff 3, 2; Bugles 2, 1; Cadet Battery 3, 2, 1; 1st Sgt. 2; X.O. 1; Echo Co. 3; Firefighters 3, 2, 1; Glee Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Librarian 2, 1; Jackson Battery 4, 3, 2, 1; Little John II 3, 2, 1; Religious Council 3, 2, 1; Treasurer 2; President 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; R.D.C. Record Holder 76'; Pep Band 4, 3; PLC's 2, 1; S-5 Staff 3, 2, 1; Salute Battery 4, 1

What can one say about a place that has alternated between the outer limits and just this side of reality? V.M.I. has been a time of learning and discovery, it has been a time of fulfillment and despair. Will Adams came to V.M.I. determined to be a cadet and graduate. He has had a long hard struggle. Against seemingly insurmountable odds he has lived up to the tradition of "never say die". Will has a genuine feeling and enthusiasm for life that few people possess. Just remember that when life looks it's bleakest to "Fire Luke". Will Adams ?

You bet he will !!!

To my BR's I offer these final words:
May you know wisdom and instruction,
understand words of insight,
receive instruction in wise dealings,
righteousness, justice and equality.
Proverbs: 1:2-3

Dykes: 1973 Walter Bowden
Ed Hall
1979 Larry Adams
Ali Ramezani

Stephen Robert Allen

Civil Engineering Corps of Engineers
Saugus, Massachusetts

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Battery 4; Dean's List; C.E. Lab Assistant 1; Newman Club 4; Low Profile 4, 3, 2, 1; S.A.M.E. 2, 1; A.S.C.E. 2, 1; MacGregor's Marauders 2, 1; Webb's Ducks 2.5, Recondo, 2.5

"Degrees of ability may vary, but the basic principle remains the same: The degree of a man's independence, initiative and personal love for his work, determines his talent as a worker and his worth as a man."
— Ayn Rand

There is no place like home: Massachusetts
Dyke, '73 George Tisdale
Dykes, '79 Jim Allen, Jeff Joyce

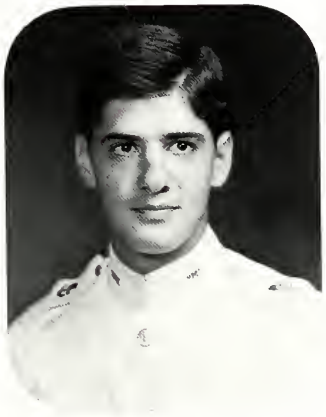
Charles Kilbourne Archer

Chuckles, Demo Kid, Charlie Fu
McLean, Virginia
English, Armor

Pvt., 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List, 4, 3, 2, 1; Militaria Society, 4; Cadet Staff writer, 3; Zoo Crew, 3, 2, 1; Sounding Brass, 2; Cadet Publications Board, 2; English Speaking Union, 2; Academically Distinguished, 2, 1; Tanker Platoon, 2; Karate Club, 1.

Charlee arrived at the "I" gung-ho, ruff-tuff, hard chargin', low crawlin', straight shootin', rapid firin', highly motivated future Marine Corps Officer. His exuberance was soon quelled when he received his medical DQ. After this Chuckles became the official Airborne Attitude Checker. Charlie's credentials for this position were unprecedented, having amassed 91 demerits his third class year. He served his second class year as Captain of the BSR commandos, his seniority being obtained from countless all-nighters with Philo papers. Charlie continued to press up the hill of science with noble inebriation by leading numerous recons to the Paramount and Johnny's. Chuckles always showed his bibulous spirit by being the first there and first to fall. His first class year Charlie Fu drove Squat and Chesty off post with his never-say-study attitude and his stereo system.

Dykes: '73 Terry Tillman
'79 Dave Smith



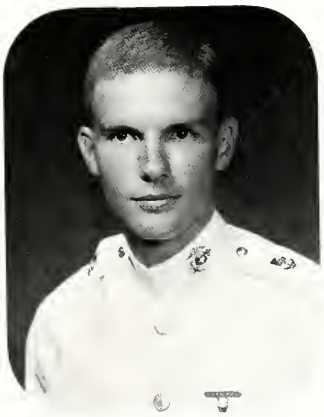
Ivan Nicholas Miroslav Ardan

Van
Camp Springs, Maryland
Civil Engineering, Air Force

Pvt. 4, 3; Commanders 4, 3, 2; Brass Ensemble 4; Young Republicans 4, 3; Sgt. 2; Firefighters 2, 1; RDC 1; 1st Lt. 1; V's ??; Amoeba Patrol 3, 2, 1; ASCE 1.

I became friends with Van on that hot, sticky August afternoon at the Rat Picnic. I was running around all upset because I didn't have a swim suit. He lent me his, and we've been great friends ever since. Van is a man that VMI can certainly be proud of. He matriculated completely unaware of what would happen to him, and he has remained here to become a firm believer of the VMI way of life. However, it is unfortunate that he won't be graduating with us, for he switched majors very late in his Cadetship. But his determination to stay here another year to achieve his goal adds to his qualities all the more. Your future will surely shine down upon you, Van. Catch you later, BR!

Dykes: Rich Rogers '73
Rich Mcgruder '79
Rob Phillips '79



Douglas Frederick Ashton

"Rug", "Hog body", "2-6", "Stan Spaulding"
Fairfax, Virginia
Civil Engineering, U.S. Marine Corps,
A.S.C.E., PLC, Soccer Co-Captain, Fort Knox "O" Club,
Lexington Four (co-driver) Sole survivor Room 350.

Although the majority of VMI cadets hail from her fine state, there is one individual who was determined that he would not be a mere statistic. "Rug" entered Jackson Arch and four years later emerged as one who, during that period, captured and fostered the love and respect of his brother rats. Doug has not done much other than distinguish himself with the Marines as one of a chosen few in barracks who possesses the ability to be at the top of troubled times with key advice and decisions. These factors, coupled with a keen sense of dedication on the soccer field, would be quite sufficient to eliminate any doubts of pride from his "Maw" and "Paw".

But, as with any successful guy who has his parents to thank for all of the years of understanding and support, there stands the figure of a young woman, Denise. As Doug ponders his future there are three considerations which will affect his outlook: parenthood (past), VMI (present), and marriage (to the Marines and Denise). Good luck Brother Rat. You have to make it, it's in your schedule!

Charles Lee Aycock
Charlie
Hopewell, Va.
English — Infantry

Rat Football; Rugby 3 years.

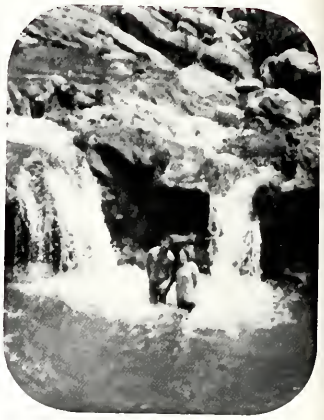
The most important thing I'll take from VMI is the memory of the people. It sounds cliché but it is true. The people in a person's life are the most important part of his education, they are his life.

I regret that I slept away most of my opportunity to learn here, for I hold VMI's academics in high esteem.

As for the VMI system, "into every man's life some rain must fall."

I thank my loved ones. It was their pride in my being here that helped me make it this far in a system I found dehumanizing. It was worth it for the people here alone, as well as the academic education.

I would not do it again.



Patrick Hansen Barnum
"Phineas", "P.T."
Va. Beach, Va.
History — Air Force

Pep Band, BSU

Va. Beach sent its greatest Cavalier to VMI. P.T. soon proved to be the charitable B.R. which reflects his true personality. As a supplier of relief goodies, i.e. coffee and cookies, P.T. soon won the hearts of his BR's. As it happened one day, P.T. ran into the Bear and the Squat, whichever came first. It wasn't soon before we tried to get him married off, but he politely asked for a rain check. In his second class year, P.T. met the Man from Galilee. Since that time P.T. has brought his BR's consolation that the world's problems don't have to overcome us, i.e., confinement every other week. P.T. is a winner in life. Whether he goes into Marine Biology, selling donuts, or finding that special lady, we wish him a good rub on the head.

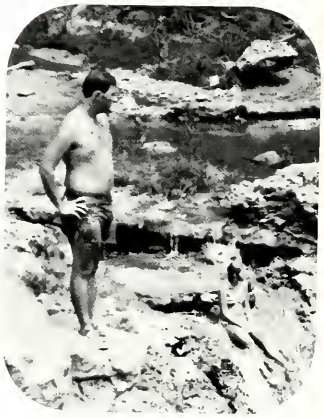
Dykes: '73 — Mike Gravely
'79 — Allan Higginbothan
Jamie Smith

David Cutler Bass
Dave D.C.
Lafayette, Ca.

Pvt. 1st Class; Honorary Member RDC 4; Scuba Club 4, 3; Sir Edmund Hillary Club 4, 3, 2, 1; OCB's 4, 3, 2, 1; All Pro 3; Bomb Photo Staff 3, 2; Civilian 2; Rugby 2, 1; President 103 Society 2, 1.

"Reputation, reputation, reputation!"
"Reputation is an idle and most false imposition, oft got without merit and lost without deserving. You have lost no reputation at all unless you repute yourself such a loser."
William Shakespeare
Othello, Act 11 sc. 111

Dykes: '73: John W. (Space) Kiracofe
'79: Frank Panapoulous
Jabery Massod



Raymond Arthur Beazley
"Beaz"
Merritt Island, Florida
History, Infantry

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Lacrosse 4, 3, 2, 1; Ranger Platoon 2, 1; Airborne School; Ranger School 2, 1; Fire Fighters; Armed Forces Club; Tac Stair Terrors; Rum Truckers; Minor in T.V. (Honor Student).

Some people see Ray only by his outside appearance — military, lacrosse player, and rat strainer. But these are only a few characteristics of the guy one gets to know after living with him for two years.

Ray is sensitive and a true friend and has always been there to help when needed.

There is another side of him that only one who knows him well That is his humor, bad jokes and lousy puns. His "Tea Party" and light socket trick have established his everlasting fame among the Tac Stair Crew. Ray has also done his part for Barracks Renovation when he created the famous "Beazley Falls" in the third stoop sinks the night of the straight pants burning.

We can only conclude that under his professional military exterior there lies a true lunatic.

KDD '76

Dykes: '73: Tom Murray
'79: Ed Bodling
Mohsen Abhari

John Valentine Berberich IV
Jake the Rat Bad Person
Economics — Air Force

Soccer 4; Varsity Rack 3, 2; Rat Training 2, 1; PE400 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1.

Thanks especially to my parents and sister who wrote and encouraged me these past four years. To Bad Person Mark, Goyle, Doug, and especially Whit, thanks for all the help.

Time has flown by since that hot August afternoon that the Rat cut his hair and changed his future. Losing big red, soccer, and many hours in 327 listening to tunes and advice. Those ole cosmic blues struck in 315, no girl, no study or grades, lots of rack and the first year of PE 400. Ah, but the bright star at finals, Judy. Autumn afternoon hikes, quiet and cool weekends at the cabin with La helped pull the boy through as a second. Ring Figure and much more made it great.

I'll always remember hours of PE400, running, handball, and generally laughing. Mark and Goyle the perverted pair, the frierator, Triumphs, bad persons, part time employment at Tortila Flat, afternoons of rack and hours of contemplation . . . "Lose your dreams and you will lose your mind."
Rollingstones

Dykes: '73: Doug Basham
'79: Jim Owens
Charlie Biviano

William Kenneth Bhatta
"Betaman" and "Bedpan"
Warminster, Pennsylvania
Economics — Infantry

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; M/Sgt. 2; XO, Foxtrot Co. 1; S-5 321; Rangers 3, 2; Firefighters 3, 2, 1; Rat Training 1; AUSA 1; DMS; Dean's List; Who's Who In The Zoo; Trow Chuckers Union; Truck-for-Your-Life; Charter Member PX; Monad-of-The Month.

Accompanying Bill's enjoyment of the academic and military environment of VMI were his unusual sideline interests and antics: fighting evil no goods with his faithful companions Recondo Boy, Tuddy, Runchrox, and the Incredible Weggie; Bedpan's barracks battles with the chronic itch of the Mott Syndrome and the deadly Could-of-Gottens; exploring the hidden secrets deep within the Mott file; braving 4 years of cream chicken; resolving himself to 10 grueling weeks of Super Summer Airborne Recondo Scoper Camp; Cardinal puff-puffing at the Mount on Saturday night; and sliding-for-your-life down the Parapet steps. Fortunately these events won't fade into the past. The Bedpan and his friends will remember them.

Dykes: '73: Mike MacKenzie
'79: Asad Keshavarz
Claude Fore

Walter Richard Biram

Rick, Screwball, By-Ram, Damn-Yankee, Country
Brilliant, Ohio
Electrical Engineering

Pervert Corner 3, 2, 1; CPL; Plt Sgt; PVT.; Honor Court Recorder 1; Varsity Football 4, 3; Varsity Baseball 4; Monogram Club.

In August of 1972, innocent Rick fled the oppressive life found under the brown skies of the Ohio Valley and entered the pleasure of the VMI ratline. Prepared with a great attitude and a mouldy food box, Rick survived Cadre and the ratline with an occasional "Judas Priest!" Meek mild mannered Rick Biram was the model brother rat and roommate as long as he was awake. However, once overcome by slumber he became the ultimate menace to his roommate and to any other cadet who happened to be in the immediate vicinity. It didn't take long to move his bed as far away from the bayonets as possible.

On the more serious side, Rick was a cadet to be admired and respected, and a true brother rat who could always be counted on; Best of luck always:

Dykes: Class of '73; Bob Ball
'79; Jim Harrington
'79 Steve Bandy

Stephen Dominic Borowski

Skeeter, Bubola, Bobo, Beak
Wilmington, Delaware
History — Armor

Dean's List; Academically Distinguished; Army ROTC Scholarship; DMS; History Honors Program; Timmins Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Sec-Tres 2; V-Pres 1; Rangers 3, 2, 1; S-4 1; Cadet Staff 2, 1; Debate Team 2; Militaria Society 4, 3, 2, 1 V-Pres 2 — general staff 1; Armed Forces Club 4, 3; Civil War Roundtable 4, 3, 2, 1; Firefighters 2, 1; Karate Club 1; intramurals — Volleyball 4; tennis 3; Stonewall Jackson Battery 3, 2; Scouters Club 2, 1.

SONNET VMI

"How Soon Hath Time, An Inspiration From Milton"
How soon hath time, the subtle thief of youth,
Brought to an end a cadet's endless year!
With joy I depart, and yet dread with fear,
of what the fates uncertain vision show'th.
I now forsake this Gothic-Tudor truth,
Ordain to serve, and hold, a notion dear
Vindicate her Honor, aid brother peer,
To find the secret stoic life pursu'th.

As the hour's glass spills its last golden grain,
My thought oft wanders to an oath I vow'd
on Are's spearspout, Hallowed by Nature's Child,
From me vile Irus wringed soundless cry, as cow'd
Odysseus I forget not my past pains,
Tim exiles me, I was born to be wild

Dykes: Class of '79; Bill Peacock
Dave Stocker

James Staurt Bowers

Squat
Newport News, Virginia
English — Air Force

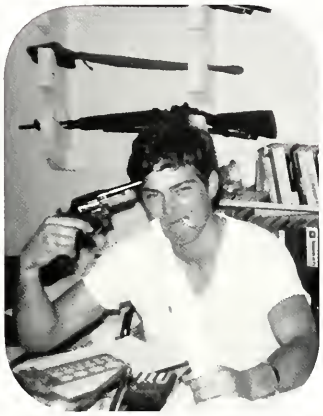
Pep Band; Timmins Society; English Society; V.P-BSU

Jim entered VMI with high aspirations of becoming regimental commander or at least class president. His ever smiling face got him into more trouble than he could handle. Although these hopes faded, the R.D.C. could not erase that "Special" grin or the secret he hid in his heart. After a successful summer at camp, he rightly earned the title "Secret Squirrel".

But, over the summer, Jim caught the dreaded Dunlap's Disease and spent most of his second class year sweating it off at Beans Bottom or smoking P.T. at handball. Jim has a more serious side in his commitment to meeting the spiritual needs of cadets in barracks. God continued to work in his life as he stepped out in faith to serve Him, using Lamentations 3:27–29 as a guideline for his cadetship.

"It is good for a young man to be under discipline, for it causes him to sit apart in silence beneath the Lord's demands, to lie face downward in the dust, then at last there is hope for him."

Dykes: '73 Gary Hankins
'79 George Meyers



Heartwell Lee Bradshaw
Lee, Brad, Shaw
Richmond, Virginia
History — Marine

Pvt. 4, 2; Cpl. 3; 2nd Lt. 1; Swimming 4, 3, 2, 1; Water polo 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Zoo Crew; Number 7 Club; Pep Band; Ameba Crew; Wedgie Crew; PLC 2, 1.

Living with a Marine may not always be peaches and cream, but those of us who do have found it to be very rewarding and a pleasurable experience.

As a fourth classman, Lee began his climb upward. However, as with all of us, Lee found a few obstacles in his way: the ratline, television, and girls. The first two were, for the most part, overcome, but the third would plague him the rest of the way.

His Third and Second class years were filled with the flavor of success. He excelled athletically, socially, and in the eight ounce art.

We are not really sure what the future holds for Brad or for that matter, what Brad holds for the future, but whatever it is we are sure of one thing, Brad will not be denied success. GDDD LUCK Brad!

Dykes: Class of '73 Yerry Kenneally
'79 Jack Dewell
Wymer Manning

Eric Murray Briel
"Bree-el"
Canfield, Ohio
Civil Engineering — Corps of Engineers

Dean's List; Academically Distinguished; Cpl. Sgt.; ASCE; Airborne; Ranger Plt.; Recondo; Firefighters; Glider Club; Rat Training; Member of the Vette Set; Blue Ridge Parkway Assault Force; The Lexington Four.

"All this happened, more or less."
"So it goes."

Dykes: '73: M.B. Adelson
Buck Harrison
'79: Scott Shuman
Darold Weber

David Morgan Bright Jr.
Muenster, Texas
"Dave" "Red" "Grit" "Not-So" "Not-So-Bright" "Dull"
Chemistry Air Force

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List; Young Republicans 4; Sport Parachute Club 4; Caving and Mountaineering Club 4; Society of Physics Students; Eddie Lacceti Fan Club-Pres.; Rum Truckers; Zoo Crew 4, 3, 2, 1; Four Lab Week Club.

Dave came to us from the teeming metropolis of Muenster. Dave kept his nose clean until his third and second class years when he really stepped into it with confinement, Pt's, and going excess. However he did manage to pull through and go into an Air Force Scholarship. Dave had a change of heart about flying and the Air Force put him on their 90-day plan.

What else can be said about a guy who says he's failing, but ends up making A's and floods his room his Rat year and then uses his car as gold fish bowl. Someday, Dave will find the women of his dreams and settle down on a farm with his oil fields and 12 kids. I'll never forget the good times we had together, the late night jokes and who would make the highest grades, Good Luck David.

Dykes: '73 James N. Park
'79 Jim Quatrinie
Tom Bright

Ray Simmons Brooks
S.A.
Burlington, N.C.
Civil Engineering — Air Force

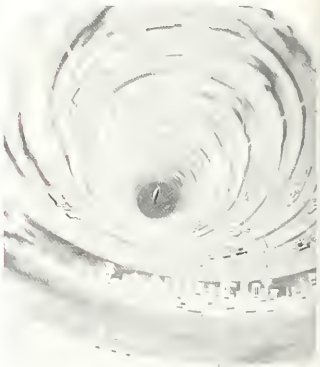
Honorary Packer; Football; RDC; Monogram Club, V.P.; Pervert Corner; Selletse Gang; 112 Gang; F.I.T.A.S.; Rack Club; 2nd F.P. Champ; Hop Escort.

From the flat North Carolina tobacco fields, Ray passed up the girls at Chapel Hill, Duke, State, and Auburn for the guys at VMI, with the dream of playing major college, leading to a semi-pro career with the Burlington Bears. He started as a QB but soon ended up as a fat tight end with hands like a Hopper. The Hopper didn't last long and neither did his left knee, but the stairway to heaven was removed just in time for our farm boy to enjoy the "Tilley"ing season. His second class year started with yet another injury, a "Criddled" ankle. While laid up, "Mumbles" dedicated himself toward training for the 112 FP contest, which he won hands down, while perfecting his window floor show at the mirror. The back room at Selletse was frequently visited by the red silk bandit who frequently emerged to check the calorie chart. "SA" also waited a year to visit Pat O'Brian's, stayed there for two hours and doesn't even remember it, but was handily reminded the next morning by his ducks.

We were very lucky to rescue Ray from Herbie to become our roomie the final three years. Southern Hospitality is truly found in Ray and Big I will lose a terrific guy upon graduation. He will always be a lifelong friend but most of all Ray will be our true Brother Rat.

Dykes: '73: Mark Wells
'79: Billy McCarthy
Robert Wright
Chunk Neal

Thomas Lea Brooks IV
Tom, T.L., Brooksie



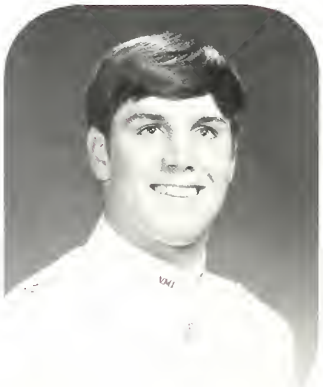
Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Rugby 3, 2, 1; Kayaking; Zoo Crew 4, 2, 1; 4 lab/week club 3, 2, 1.

A stumbling block was placed in the path of Tom's educational goals when he was made a Corporal. After realizing that being a ranker didn't appeal to him, Tom turned to better things like kayaking, Rugby, and President of The V.M.I. Bitch Union. At long last this man had found his place among The "Cooperate and Graduate Club". On almost and any day Tom could be counted on to not only have a new complaint but at a moments notice could recite any number of the latest Institute Injustices.

As a brother rat though, Tom could always be counted on for a helping hand. We're sure that Tom will no doubt succeed in whatever endeavor he should choose to follow in life and to wish him good luck would be a waste because he seems to always find it on his own.

Dykes: Class of 1973: Yerry Kenneally
Class of 1979: Mike McCarthy
Roy Sadler

James Elmer Brown III
Hobbles Black Bart Alabama Elmer
The Birmingham Bomber Meat Hook
Birmingham, Alabama
Civil Engineering — Air Force



Rifle Team 4; Football 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; EIT Committee Chairman 1; OGA Vice President 1; Hop Escort 1; Number 1 Club; "Selletse"; Chief of Operations MBWC Raid, 10 May 75; Pervert Corner 3, 2, 1; FCPVC 1; Honorary Packer.

The kid from Alabama matriculated at the "I" with permission from Holly. With Holly safe and secure at SMU, Jim pursued other nearby social interests. One near the end of his third class year, led to a 4 month halt of this revelry. Rejoicing at the end of the confinement, Jim and FA2 celebrated with a buttery bang. . . . which resulted in another 3 months.

The second class year definitely had its moments at Selletse. One of Elmer's biggest assets was his dedication, especially to the game of football, with which he was rewarded by the famous line: "What happened to your leg?"

Despite his never ending search for excitement, Jim came up with a 3.0 in CE. His dedication and search for the unusual was demonstrated by his 600 mile bicycle to Bama. This is the kind of enthusiasm with which he displays his true friendship to his Brother Rats. 163 Good Luck!

Dykes: '73: T.O. Smith
'79: Steve Rodgers
Jimmy Thompson
Tuffy

William Irvine Brown

Jim, Bob, What's the Color of, Rudolph
Bracey, Virginia
History — Infantry

Indoor Track 4, 3, 2; Outdoor Track 4, 3, 2; Cross Country 3, 2; Civil War Roundtable, Firefighters, Free-counseling, The Rebellious Non-Scholarship Track Team.

It is impossible to describe here what my four years of VMI has meant to me. I've had both my ups and downs but then they have made me what I am today.

In the years to come I hope I'll be able to express my appreciation to my friends that were always there to offer a hand. Then of course there were those on the other side of the coin, but then they know who they are. I'm so very eager to walk out Jackson Arch and begin a new life, one that really won't surprise me to any great degree. There is so much more awaiting me in both education, business, the military, and most of all the forming of new friendships and the lasting of old ones. Who will continue to sing the Beatles when I'm gone? My dykes were simply great!

Special thanks to Boyd, Nick, Jim, Gordo, and room 226.

It took the women of my cadetship three years before they got me to see the light. It took time, didn't it.

Dykes: Class of 73: Tom Murray
Class of 79: Dan St. C. Foster

Philip Chris Brzozowski

(Bozo, Ski, Belot)
Erie, Pennsylvania
Biology — Field Artillery

Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Private 1; D.M.S.; Football 4; Rugby 3, 2, 1; Pre-Med Society 4, 3, 2; Chuck Rocks Gang 1.

Upon Phil's arrival here at the Institute, he had little idea of what was in store for him. However, he did have a set and primary goal. His goal was to be accepted into Medical School upon graduation from V.M.I. As a result, of his efforts over the past few years this goal will most assuredly become a reality.

For the most part, Phil's life has been a memorable one. In addition to attaining Academic Stardom and zealously wearing the stars of gold. He shed his football gear, and became a rugger on the V.M.I. Rugby Club.

Phil has made his move both on and off the field. Long wood, Sweet Briar, and Southern Seminary, will long remember "Kid Bozo."

Dykes: 1973, Rocket Rod Brewer
1979, Dave Riedel, Bob Norris

David Lynn Buchter

Dave Butcher
Blue Mound, Illinois
History — Marine

Student Grotto; Rat Rappelling instructor; P.L.C.

Dave entered VMI with hope of a military career. Since that time however, his goal has changed, now hoping to graduate and serve out his Marine commitment. After serving his commitment, he hopes to enter the agricultural field or some other related business. Life at VMI for Dave has had its ups and downs with social life interfering with the system most of the time. Dave usually lost the battle. Social life in the early days consisted of Saturday evenings at the Paramount or Johnnies drinking his sorrows away. Now however, his horizons have broadened to include Susan, Susan, and Susan. Dave goes into the future with a belief in luck and hopes of good fate.

Dykes: '73: Mike Kelly
'79: Don Wells

Ollen Laurence Burnette III

Chip, Ollie, Burney, Cool Breeze
Danville, Virginia
Chemistry — Infantry

DMS; Ranger Platoon 3, 2, 1, Ldr 1; Student Grotto 4, 3, 2, 1, VP 3 Pres 2; ACS 4, 3, 2, 1; Scuba Club 3, 2, 1; Scouter Club 3, 2, 1; Ranker 3, 2, 1; International Relations Club 1; VMI Sniper and Church Wallowing society.

Chip cool breezed his way through Jackson Arch a little behind and a few inches than the rest of us. He'll probably cool breeze his way out clutching a diploma in his competent hand. Chip's philosophy was simple — maximum proficiency with minimum effort.

An excellent student and soldier, Chip went airborne his third class summer and passed up summer camp for Ranger School the next summer. He won his tab in the usual Burnette style; with ease, and returned as a top rated DMS.

His charter membership in the Rum Trucker made him a favorite with his BR's and his vast land holdings in Rockbridge County made him a favorite of hunters.

He'll breeze his way into the Army with two little gold bars, but don't take him lightly, he knows what he's doing.

Dykes: Class of '73; Joe Morgan
'79; Steve Dailey
Mike Budler

Howard Curtis Butterworth

H.C.
Hopewell, Virginia
English — Infantry

Cpl.; Color Sgt.; Pvt.; Cadet Program Board 3, 2, 1, Treasurer, President; Posit Committee 3, 2, 1; Hop and Floor Committee 3, 2, 1; Concessions Council 1; Civil War Roundtable 1; Glee Club 4; Newspaper Columnist 1; I-81 South Club; Pokie-Norwood-Tyler All Star Team; Pvt. — I Saw the Light Club; "Forget HELL!" Club; Chem. Capital of the South Club.

The element of a successful cadetship are well mixed in Curtis. His catalogue of achievements speaks for itself. Where many would have wilted under such responsibilities as he has taken on over four years he is a man who achieves most when challenged most. But it hasn't been all work.

"Avoid trivia", George Marshall once said and that could well be Curtis' motto. Knowing that his lips were for kissing Donna and not the Regimental Staff he avoided stripes his senior year. Due to this infinite wisdom he has a date in July that should prove far from trivial.

Curtis has showed the best times and helped us through the worst. Come what might, I will never forget the friend Curt has been. All happiness in the world to you and Donna, and when you hang that shingle out, remember a frustrated law student.

Micheal Lee Camden

"Dirtball", "Dome"
Staunton, Virginia
Civil Engineer — Air Force

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; 1st Lt. 1; Zoo Crew 4, 3, 2, 1; Deans List; Academically Distinguished; Vice-President ASCE 1; Cadet Assistant in Library 2, 1; Weekend Every Weekend Club.

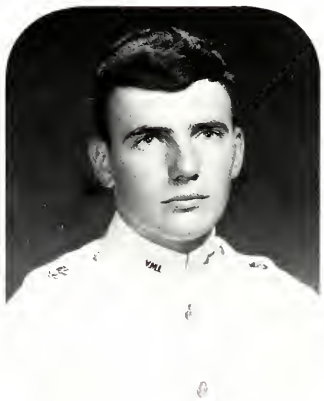
What can one say about a person who spends over half his rat year on confinement, gets nicknamed "dirtball" and yet goes on to be the company X zero. After his rat year Mike resolved to spend as little time at the big "I" and as much at Madison with Martha as possible. This lead to what some might term shady permits, to get out of any and everything possible. As a result of his diligent writing Mike has been gone nearly every weekend for the past two years.

Of course neither of us will forget those late night arguments about who was going to make the low grade in Physics.

Living with Mike has been an enjoyable experience I will not forget.

Good Luck Mike!

Dykes: 73 Roger Webb
79 Richard Parkinson
Steve Scaglione



Oscar Lee Cammuse, Jr.

"Red" "Smoose" "Red Raines" "O"
Warrenton, Virginia
Mathematics — Army (AR)

Karate 3, 2, 1; Ranger 1; Sport Parachute 3; Rifle Team 2; Class Historian 2, 1; OGA 1; Rancher 2, 1.

Coming from the rolling plains of Warrenton, "O" Cammuse came to the big "I" with high standards, morals and aspirations. After four years the standards and morals are the same but his aspirations have been shifted. Holding the top spot militarily our third class year, Oscar proved himself as an effective leader. Again as a second, Osc held a high position in the Corps, but he elected to carry out his goals by the class system, not the military. Elected as the class historian, he proved to be a hard man when it came down to business.

But Oscar wasn't always business. Never to busy to say hello or more likely "Whaz hapnen, Dude?" He always wore a grin on his face and twinkle in his eyes. That twinkle in his eyes, in the form of a cute Southern Miss from Lexington, calmed "O" down quite a bit but it was still the same old Oscar. One of the hardest working men in the Corps, He'll succeed in whatever he does, once he decides what he wants to do.

Dykes: '73 Wonell, KL
'79 Schlickenmeyer, DW; Razipour, M.

Paul Christopher Carine

"Snake, Kid"
Wenonah, New Jersey
Civil Engineering — Air Force

Private; ASCE; Varsity-Soccer (Co-Captain); Monogram Club; Indoor Track; Founder of the short-lived VMI Ice Hockey Club.

"The Kid" will be remembered as having his feet into every aspect of VMI life. If not on the soccer field where he starred as co-captain, his feet took him to the confinement sheets, and there were a few Saturday nights when Paul had a hard time finding his feet at all. Paul is forever remembered as being a Flyers' fan and for his efforts to keep abreast of the sporting world. His English heritage has given him a stubbornness and determination which can only lead to success. "Snake" is also to be remembered as a great roommate and Brother Rat. His efforts to enlighten a BR ("Hedley, you #%&"(@)in the traditions of the Institute ended up with Paul and the Sergeant of the Guard boned for disrespect. Later in his cadetship, during the cold of winter, Paul attempted to warm things up by setting the stoop on fire, succeeding only in burning up a Tac Officer. Enough of the past. We look now to the future and wish the Best to BR Snake Carine.

Dykes: Class of '73; Joe Duffy
'79; Keith Ranker
Chris Reisch

Theodore Distler Carr Jr.

"Teddy"
Alexandria, Virginia
Civil Engineer, Engineer

Perennial Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE, same; English Society, Hop Committee (Vice-Presi. 1); Ringfigure Committee; Rugby Cadet Assistant; Young Republicans; Armed Forces Club; Pervert Corner; Pervert Court; McGreggors Mauders; Deans list; 90 day wonder.

Ted came to VMI with a smile, a grin at times then again remnants of quasical wonderment of a unique situation. Through the last four years he has made that smile last. (The reason may not be the same, but at least he has found reason.)

During the last two years Ted and I have stuck close together. We have spent many mischievous hours studying for exams and discussing topics of high interest ranging from reality to VMI to women. We have shared many a classroom in our quest for knowledge and the ultimate — Super Summer Camp '75.

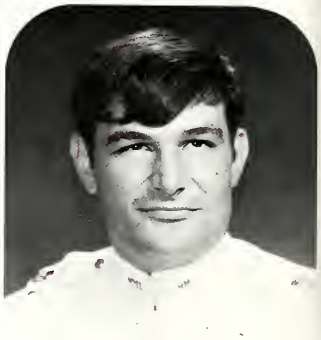
To me, Ted has been the bright star in the darkness of VMI life. He has been there to discuss ideas, to confide in, and most important of all, he has been a true friend of rare substance.

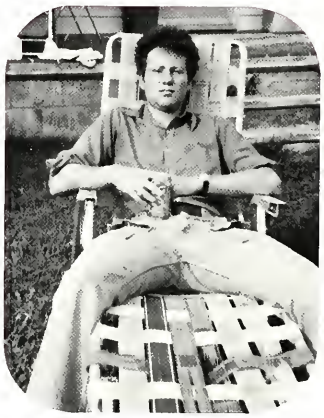
In his mystery tour through VMI, Diane has endured the load and has shared his years at VMI. Few people will forget that easy going kid that we know as TEDDY BEAR.

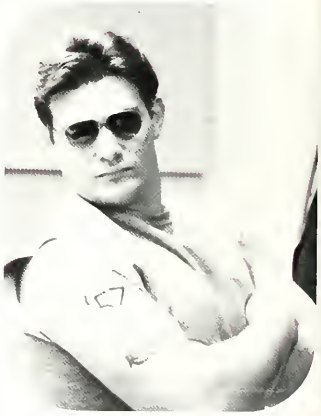
True wisdom is to enjoy, to laugh while we can and to bear cheerfully that which we are powerless to change. We are but travellers and the world is our inn. It is in general a good inn, well furnished with wines and meats, and full of jolly comrades to make us good cheer.

M. P. Willcocks

Dykes: '73 Trad Smith
'79 David Crim
'79 Bill Tulloh







Kent R. Carrington
"Pudding"
Civil Engineering — Corps of Engineers

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cross Country 4; Tennis 4, 3; Posit Committee 3, 2; 114 Weekend Club; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; SAME 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Pervert Corner 3, 2, 1.

"Pudding" will probably become a legend as one of the great permit writers of all time. He has thwarted the administration through a silver pen which has gotten him out of three FTX's, three graduation ceremonies, and won him five extra weekends as a Rat. Permits have only been his hobby however, because "Babe" and academics have helped him pass these four years quickly. Kent found his second class year that when things got rough there should always be something wet and wild in his lock box and since then he has been an easy man to room with for Charlie and me, and we hope that in the future "Babe" will let him out of the house every now and then.

John Patrick Christy
"Klaus J.C. Jack A.J."
Staunton, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Corps of Engineers

ASCE 3, 2, 1; Young Republicans 4, 3, 2, 1; Sport Parachute Club 4, 3; Honorary Member #1 Club; Ghetto 2, 1; Sir Edmund Hillary Club 2, 1.

Retreat ceremony goes and Klaus is off to the races. Up to the Paramount for a quick one before CCQ, what a stud! This young man has running-the-block down to a science. Never in the history of the Institute has one cadet done so little and gotten away with so much. J.C. has fought the almighty Buck and overcome the ominous Jamison. Only "the Scooter" was ever able to put a dent in his grossly rusted armor. He has reached heights that others only dream about, and when they ask why, Jack stands bold and proud and declares, "Who gives a @#$%&*!!"

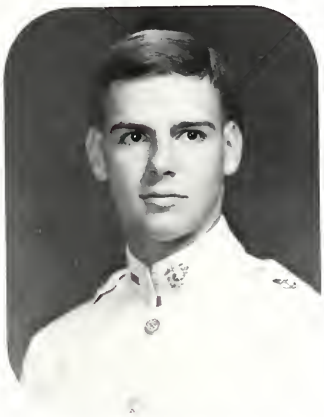
Dykes: '73: Rick Gribbling
'79: Dave Crawford
Dave van Wagoner

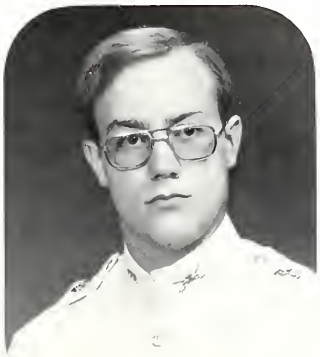
Jerry Codutti
"Geraldo, The Argentine Bull"
Electrical Engineering
Special Student
Bensalem, Penn.

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Track 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; "Weight Watchers", "Brothers of the Sun".

Jerry has been a special student ever since he came to the Institute. The Air Force couldn't find a shoe horn big enough to get him into a cockpit. Early in his rat year Jerry became constant friends with Big Mac and together the two spread fear and loathing through many a rankers heart. Amoebas, milk cartons, and the WAR MACHINE destroyed many spit-shined shoes and carefully braced garrison caps. Mac's premature departure was a keen loss and jolted Jerry into the cold reality of the "!". He settled down and began to see action as a rat on the varsity football team and through constant improvement he is one of the conferences' leading lineman and a definite pro prospect. Jerry will be remembered at the VMI for his awesome appearance but yet kind demeanor. Who could ever forget those inspiring words in the huddle during the Deleware game; "Hey fellas, listen up. If we don't score this time I'm gonna kick the shit out of everyone in this huddle."

Dykes: Class of 1973 Mark Weiss
Class of 1979 Joe Seay, Jose Gomez, Meade Spotts





Norman Eugene Cole
Norm, "Norman, Norman Cole"
Biology — Air force

VMI Glee Club; Armed Forces; International Relations Club; VMI Karate Club; Newman Club; Scuba Club; Corporal, FTX Rat Aggressor; VMI Firefighters.

Norm, you came to Virginia Military Institute not really knowing what to expect. Although they attempted to shape, to mold, and to categorize you, you have kept your individuality while many have lost theirs. It took the optimism when defeat seemed imminent. Thanks for the smiles to hold back the tears. But most of all, thanks Norm for the hope in that optimism and in that smile. Life holds still many a challenge, but to know all have a brother named "Ole King Cole," makes these challenges of efficaciously surmountable. Good Luck Norm!! We made it! and it feels SO GODD it must be bad!

Dykes: Class of '73; Jerry Higgins
'79; Tom Kovach
Brian McKeever

John Carlton Coleman
"JC 6"
Economics — Marine

Distinguished Naval Student; National Sojourners Award; Military Excellence Award NROTC; Commanding Generals List USMC-OCS; Pvt., Cpl., Sgt., 1st. Captain Regimental Commander; Armed Forces Club 1; Young Republicans 3, 2, 1; President VMI Scuba Club 3; Posit Committee 1; Advisory Council 1; Firefighters 3, 2, 1; Cadet Manager Lejeune Hall 2, 1; Certified Member Fort Knox Four.

John's exposure to VMI has been interlaced with one word — decision. He first decided to leave his home state, his family and his personal Peach (Teri) and journey north to the Institute. He then decided during his rat year that in three years, he would be Regimental Commander. His next decision, however, seems a bit hazy as he chose civil engineering as his major. He decided against CE in favor of history only to finally end up as an "applied science" major, commonly referred to as economics. However, his most prized determination here at the I, was to join the ranks of those "few good men". Each of his afore mentioned examples of decisiveness have proven fruitful and shown the excellent caliber of cadet and brother rat that John is. He has provided his classmates with an infinite number of reasons to believe that he was a "wisdom" choice for his position. (Teri he loves you!)

Dykes: '73: Charles M. Havasy
'79: Ali Nassiri
Michael Dgden

Daniel Francis Commerford
"Squat, Dan"
McLean, Virginia
Economics, Armor

Pvt. 4, 3, 1; Sgt. 2; Zoo Crew 2, 1; Tankers 2, 1; ODE; Rat Typist.

The Squat walked into Coleslaw Charlie in August of 1972, where instinct taught him to keep a low profile — no mean task in Roland's low-quarter commandos. He survived the trauma of being shot down on his first mission in classic VMI fashion, with a debriefing at the Paramount. The lone returnee of room 417, he moved in with three corporals the following year. As a second class sergeant he found himself living in the Zoo with two dedicated privates. Diligence and new priorities wore the spit-shine off his shoes and put him on the Dean's List. Daniel is certainly leaving the "I" with much to recommend him; ac stars, DMS, Supe's List number two ranking Economics major, and possibly an RA. Even still, Dan, we will remember you as our miserable roommate, the scowling squat.

Dykes, Class of 73: Mike Knoll and Tex Lynn
Dyke, Class of 79: Biff Pim

Michael Gerald Conley
"Mike"
Electrical Engineering — Air Force

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, Lt 1; Drum Major; Commanders; Brass Ensemble; Scuba Club; Newman Club; Bugler; Student Grotto; St. Patrick's Folk Group; Karate Club.

Conley breezed into VMI four years ago with reckless abandon, not really knowing what to expect. Fortunately, neither did VMI. We have come to the conclusion that his delusions of godhood finally got to him, because now, four trying years later, our Mike is the god of the parade field. No one will ever believe it, but under all that paraphernalia of strips, five foot British Mace and dingy gauntlets lies that same 'ole cool breeze, the original Bantam phantom, the one and only barracks cuckoo.

Four years can change a lot of people, but not our brother Mike. The side the visiting public can not see is the inside, the heart. Mike depended on us at times, but what he doesn't realize is that a lot of us depended upon him more. With your qualities of understanding Mike, you'll go far and to that end we all wish you luck. God bless you Mike . . . and the Air Force.

Dykes: '73: Neil Carlson
'79: Curt McCabe
Ed Fiora

David Kalanikapo Copp III
"Kawika", "Dave"
Kaneohe, Hawaii
Chemistry and Civil Engineering, Air Force.

Indoor track 4; Outdoor track 4; Gim Co. Commander 4; Karate Club 3; Rugby Club 2; Glee Club 1; Platoon Lieutenant 1; Library asst. 3, 2, 1.

Aihoa! To you Hoalts (you know who you are) it means in Hawaiian either hello or goodbye — Depending on the occasion. But this time, I want to express to those who have become my friends during these past four years, my hello and goodbye. I have many memories to take back to home of many miles away, and I thank you.

Vonnegut says that life is a string of many packages that contain good and bad experiences, and we tend to forget the bad ones and just remember the good ones. And as for the 4 X years at VMI, I'll never forget them because I was in the class that became a legend.

To Vannie-Pu, Mr. Sunshine, Banana Man, Whimpee, If you can see me now, shot down kid, Frenche, Trick Teeth, Chin, UH! HA! You Bet!, Moose, and all the other "plugs" that I haven't mentioned, good luck and take care. Aloha Nui loa.
David

Dykes: '73 Dave Kitchen
'79 Tony Hammond
Mike Mendez

Robert E. Cox, Jr.
Bob Robbie No Seconds Cox
Phone-a-bone Cox
Vienna, Virginia

Sport Parachute Club 2; Armed Forces Club 1; Ranger Platoon 1; Civil War Roundtable 1; S-5 Staff; AUSA 1.

Four years ago one early August morning stepping from the bus he called a cab requesting to be taken to VMI. The driver asked if he planned to stay long, he answered, "Only a year". Curious, he asked about the town, he had only seen it once before. He walked from the cab to what he would soon learn was the parapet. In blue jeans, jacket, a duffle bag thrown over his shoulder-hair touching his collar and long thick sideburns — he chuckled at the early formation of a group of cadets in front of a statue of Washington. He had traveled half-way round the world only to attend VMI for a year — then to West Point and an Army career.

Much has changed since I took that step, I have grown up. Most important though — I stayed, for in the first year I fell in love with VMI and decided that I would like one day to teach college. Alot happened in four years, but most important, I learned alot about myself and people and for this I will always be indebted to VMI.

Dykes: '73 — Arthur Pendleton
'79 — H. Steve Powers III, Dave E. Houser

Marshall Frederick Coyle

"Quazimode" "Gargoyle" "Pigasarus"
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
Civil Engineer, Engineer

Ballerina Permit 4, Motorcycles 3, Corvette 1, S.A.M.E., Academically distinguished, A.S.C.E., Foodaholics Anonymous.

In the summer of '72, Marshall came to VMI with the ambition to play for the pigskin team. When someone suggested that they make footballs out of him (Bacon, Pork Roasts, and Ham Sandwiches, too,), he unleashed his bone crushing talents on his roommates, i.e. Jake the Rat, Sculley and this year's semi-mental commander. Giving up football for varsity rack, he coached two L.A. cadets for two virtually wakeless seasons between the sheets, each losing only one long distance nap. Fighting off the clutches of the Rack-Ogre himself, he sought refuge in the temple of the false God "Phridge". Therein he indulged in milk baths and food orgies which came to dominate his life, his digestive tract, and his tailor shop account. Remember this and you'll remember the big guy with the big heart, "Eye R A Sivil Inginear and HAAT L.A. Queres."

Dykes: '73 Bill Stoner
'79 Chuck Smith
John Brittigan

William Bruce Crawford

"Cappy" "Andy" "Whiskey Bravo"
Woodstock, Virginia
Modern Language — Special Student

Varsity Football; 1, 2, 3, 4 Pervert Court; 3, 4 Sir Edmund Hillary Club International Relations; Sounding Brass; 3, 4 Monogram; 1, 2, Plum Street; 4 Choreographer Of Parkway Dancers Private 1, 2, 3, 4.

With humble and modest heart Bruce came to the Institute a refugee from his own thinking. It was here that he found himself . . . sex, booze, relief, Spanish and Shakespeare also. Though his discoveries were traumatic in instances, his composure was seldom retained in the degree that which his identity remained out of Buck-Buck's grasp. A semester's vacation in Spain doubtlessly aided in these achievements.

The spontaneous overflow of spots in time faded from Bruce's vision, leaving distinct obscurities . . . . Strawerry-Ups, Pat O'Brien's, Charlottesville, Little Madre, Country Fairs, Parkway, the Parade Ground, Rebel Yell . . . The Vacuum of Cadet Life Filled Beyond Infinity.

Kirk, P.J., and Duke —
"We're all like workings of one mind, the features of the same, blossoms upon one mind."

Edward Ross Crews

"Ed, Dirtball, Fast Eddie"

Cpl. Sgt. 1st Lt XO b co, CADET staff — Post #S Managing editor, Publication Board, SOUNDING BRASS, Frank J. Frosch Award, English Society Program Committee, BUFU charter member, $200 Club, Rum Trucker, RDC vice-pres., Alamanc Battleground Board of Visitors, Dickson and Crews Films Ltd., Furr Dickson Crews & Zuegner Gun Runners, USMC.

"Well, maybe it is true," Clevinger conceded unwillingly in a subdued tone. "Maybe a life does have to be filled with unpleasant conditions if it's to seem long. But in that event who wants one?"
"I do," Dunbar told him.
"Why?" Clevinger asked.
"What else is there?"
Heller — CATCH-22

Visit the Naval-Yard, and behold a Marine, such a man as an American government can make, or such as it can make a man with its Blackarts, — a mere shadow and Reminiscence of humanity, a man laid out alive and standing, and already, as one may say, buried under arms . . . Such command no more respect than men of straw or a lump of dirt. They have the same . . . . worth only as horses and dogs. "CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE" — Henry David Thoreau

Howard Aumack Curle Jr.
"Father Mack"
Richmond, Virginia
English — Armor

Wrestling 4, 3, 2, 1; Soccer 4; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1 — Secretary 1; English Society 3, 2, 1 — Secretary 2; CADET Staff 4, 3; Editor in Chief — 1976 BDMB; President — VMI Publications Board 1; Who's Who; Cadet Host — 1976 Parent's Weekend; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Academically Distinguished; Pvt., Cpl., Sgt., 2nd Lt., Pvt.

If I had it to do over again — I wouldn't, except for the friends that I have made.

Dykes: '73 Doug Basham
'79 Anthony Green

Scott Samuel Custer
"Scotty Squints Scuss"
Springfield, Virginia
History — Air Force

Pvt., Cpl., Reg. S-S Sgt., Pvt.; Treasurer, Hop and Floor Committee; Rat Battalion Staff; VMI Special Public Relations Committee; Pre-Law Society; Young Republicans; FIP; Scuba Club; Rugby Team; Varsity Track; Lejeune Hall Cadet Assistant; RFYL; Intramural Basketball, Team Cpt.; Ring Figure Collection Board Member.

Amid frequent "Little Big Horns", Scott has found the Institute to hold the key to his happiness. In spite of the insurmountable hurdles of VMI life, he has derived the maximum from even adverse conditions. Alas, he even possesses a quality to instill joy in the hearts of his B.R.'s.

Scott, I do not think that I have seen a face that could burst into a more genuine smile and cover 100% of a person's being, than in your case. Your friendship and understanding have been major factors which have kept me from copping out. You have proved to be a worthy partner in the art of spades. I would like to thank your Mom and Dad for being there whenever your friends couldn't. Just as VMI shall exist forever, so shall you and I.

Dykes: '73: Tim Hassel
'79: Dave Stacey
Coles Terry
Mark Timberlake

Gerard Czupryna
"Gary" "Sausage" "Big Buns"
Salem, Massachusetts
Biology Armor

Corporal; Sergeant; Private; Football 4, 3; Intramurals, Civil War Roundtable; Hang Glider Club; Scuba Club; Armed Forces Club; Astronomy Club; Firefighters; Number "1" Club-President; After Taps Club.

Gary came South from an artic northern climate to follow in a family tradition. VMI gave him a somewhat 'Cool' reception of its own. After recovering from Re-entry shock, Gary and his partner in grime began exploring the cultural centers of Rockbridge County — Johnny's Paramount, Southern Sem, and Tucker Street. In no time at all he became an honorary member of that ignoble society — Tappa Kegga Beer. Richmond hasn't seen such an assault on its fair seven hills since Grant was there last. Gary has probably has more tapes than Mr. Scotch but yet he has managed to smile through the worst of times, a credit to his excellent attitude and character. Gary has an unusual ability to bring someone up when they are very down. Good luck to an extra-ordinary Brother Rat.

Dykes, '73: A. Teptada
'79: Larry "Wink" Dickerson
Ray A. Whitner III

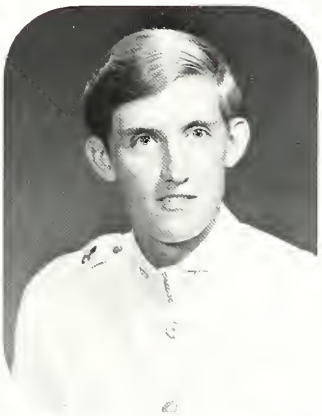
Thomas Kelly Daniel
"Tommy, T.K., T.D."
Dinwiddie, Va.
History — Air Force

Firefighter 1; Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Varsity Football 2; Junior Varsity Football 3, 2; Military Society 4; #7 Club; Private 4, 3, 2, 1.

"The mind is its own place and in itself can make a heaven of hell or hell of heaven."

Milton

Dykes: Class of 1973 — Jack Hayes
Class of 1979 — Jeff Hyde, Kent Marshall



William H. Danzeisen III
"Vanky", "Radar", "Bill"
Annandale, Virginia
History — Artillery

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; DMS; Cadet Battery 1; "Cadet" Photographer 3, 2; "Cadet" Photography Editor 1; 1976 Ring Figure Magazine; Young Republicans 4.

"I am the Eagle, I live in high country,
In rocky cathedrals that reach to the sky.
I am the Hawk, and there's blood on my feathers,
The time is still turning, they soon will be dry,
All those who see me and all who believe in me
Share in the freedom I feel when I fly."

John Denver

It's been a long four years with many gripes and complaints, but few regrets. The friends I have made here I will never forget. I'd like to thank my family and Nancy for believing. It's time for me to fly.

Dykes: '73 Doug Harris, Roger Webb
'79 Jeff Smith

Peter VanDyke Davies, II
"Dyke"
Chester, Virginia

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 2, 1; Dean's List; Wrestling 4; Lacrosse Club 2, 1; Treasurer 1; Baptist Student Union 4, 3, 2, 1; President 2; Member RDC; Ghetto 138; The Cellar 2, 1; Social Member of Phi Kappa Sigma.

People come to VMI for various reasons, Dyke is the traditional father's son and was destined to spend his college life on the "other end of the parade field" since birth. He's managed to temper his military training with the finer things in life though. After his third class year, Dyke was ready to take on the Institute in the true Southern aristocrat's manner. With a summer of Europe behind him, Dyke doffed his stripes and donned his topsiders, khakis, and izod and moved into the Ghetto with the party crowd. A firm believer in Mark Twain's saying "Never let your education get in the way of your learning", he took a crash course in partying and we found, much to our delight, that he could hold his own (except at U.V.A.) with the best of them. Always true to the girl back home (well, almost always), we were ever pleased when the ebullient Bobbi Turner waltzed onto the Lexington scene to be with her beau. It's going to be rough entrusting our resident preppie to Bobbi, but I doubt he could be in better hands. Here's to the good times we've got coming; I think we deserve them.

Dykes: Class of 1973: George Stock
Class of 1979: Jim Wenning
Henry St Pierre
Wads Bugg

Clint Dee Davis
"Clint", "Clutch", "Clutcher"
Stephens City, Virginia
English — Armor

English Society, Treas. 1; Trainer 4, 3; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Staff 1; Bravo Company.

"You win some, you lose some, some get rained out, but you still have to suit out for the game." — Anon.

"Clutch" came to VMI, like all of us, not really knowing what to expect. He quietly endured the Rat-line and never had any great desire to become "a ranker" thus he's remained a private and chosen to concentrate on being an English major. Clutch has never been one to place much emphasis on his own achievements, but has always been one of the first to congratulate others for their achievements. A quiet man, Clutch will be remembered for his smile and laugh and especially for the kind word he always had for others. Good luck, Brother Rat. — P.H.G.

Dykes: Class of '73 Dave Alexander
'79 Jay Gede
Dave Sholler

Fletcher Davis
"Mooch" "Ralph" "Kid"
Quincy, Illinois
History, Biology — Air Force

Sounding Brass, Managing Editor 2, Editor 1; Cadet Assistant 2, 1; English Society 3; Number 1 Club 2; Radar for Brothers of the Trow 2; Thunder Thighs Club 2; Ozone 4, 3, 2, 1; Record Club of America 3, 2, 1.

"Here is a deck of cards; out of this hand
Dealer, deal me my luck, a pair of bulls,
The right to draw a flush, the one-eyed jack.
Diamonds and hearts are red but spades are black,
And spades are winners, souvenirs of peace.
This stands to reason and arithmetic,
Luck also travels and not all come back."
Carl Shapiro

Dykes: '73 Rueben Trant
'79 Shani

Henry Albert Dean
"Henrisimo" "Sweater Chest" "Teddy Bear"
Strasburg, Virginia
English, Special Student

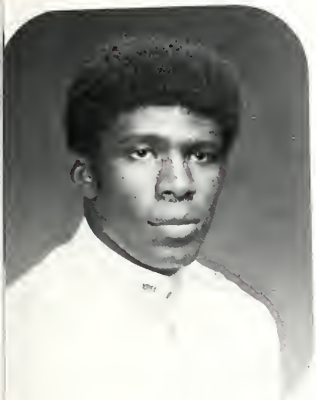
Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Football 2, 1; RDC-Vice President 4; Sir Edmund Hillary Club 3, 4; Pervert Court — Judge 4.

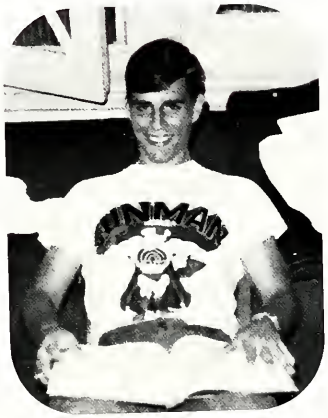
From the first time big "Teddy" strolled midst Rockbridge Red, the summer had passed quickly to the current fall. He landed that self-same winter mongst a heathan clan across barrackial abyss. And so, it was together we began to "realize today that nothing in this world is more distasteful to a man than to take the path that leads to himself."

And so it came to pass as our elevation decreased, our numbers dwindled until this our final year Doris to be his final "commarade de chambre"

Kirk, P.J., and Duke
We're all like workings of one mind; the features
Of the same face, blossoms upon one tree;
Of first, and last, and midst, and without end.
W.W

Dykes: '73: Colely, Hap, W.F.
'79: Fred, Brad





Franklin Pierce DeLaine, Jr.
Frank, Frankie "D", "D"
Washington, D.C.
English — Air Force

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Football 1; Varsity Football 1, 2, 3, 4; J.V. Basketball 2; Track 2; Vice-President of Class of 1976; Monogram Club 2, 3; Fellowship of Christian Athletes 2, 3, 4; 137 "Plus"; Iso Skin Bracer; G.C. Committee, E.C. Committee; Food Committee

After four years of cadet life at the "Institute", I can say that one thing was accomplished — my feet didn't get any bigger. There are still possibilities for me having the largest feet to ever set in barracks on a 5'11½" body frame. Now that the final year is drawing to a close, my hospital attendance has become less frequent. But the biggest assets I've attained through the "dark alley ways" of VMI are accepting the little good luck I had, and coping with the bad luck. I never knew what to expect next with "Dev.," "T.A.", and "Mo", but it made living a lot easier. Of course, for the extreme problems I incurred, I found refuge in the heart of Janice LaVerne. After three years of working with room arrangements, four years of Crozet Hall Delight, and one year next to the Commandant's Office . . . I rest my case. (As you were on that last statement — I rest.)

Dykes: Class of 1973, Mac Bowman
Class of 1979, Bobby Witherow

James Anthony Delisio
"Jimmy Little Fella Sunman Delicious"
West Haverstraw, New York
History — Air Force

Pvt. 4, 3, 1, Reg. Color Sgt. 2; Varsity Tennis; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Newman Club 4, 3, 2, President 1; All-Pro 3, 2, 1; Arnold Air Society; Young Republicans 4, 3; Class Patch Committee; Kentucky Derby Association 2; Zoo Crew 2, 1.

Jimmy's competitiveness came through at first in the form of athletic prowess on the tennis court. But, that competitiveness had to be directed to academics, so his first love was forsaken. He also found time to contend with the ladies — what can you say? The kid's Italian! Being moderator of many lively debates between his roommates has not been easy, but somehow Little Fella manages to get his two cents in. He also seems to be in the right place at the right time and knows how to listen to others' problems. His shoulder just happens to be the right height to lean on. Jimmy has had his share of troubles, but has had no trouble setting priorities, especially toward his BR's. He is a BR in the true sense — one that we will miss.

Dykes: '73: Glenn Younes
'79: Rock Vomer
Bobby Raines

Thurman Shaver Deyerle III
"No. 1 Dead Eye"
Roanoke, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Air Force

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Varsity Tennis 4, 3, 1; Special Student 3, 2, 1; Ghetto 1; Sir Edmund Hillary Club 2, 1; Gladiator 1; 400 Club 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1.

Why does one come to VMI? In Chip's case, the answer was simple — to get out of the Air Force. Yes, he slid into the Institute just in time to relieve himself of a suddenly undesirable stay in the service. Now that we're going down the final stretch, I can honestly say that, except for a "few minor occurences", his cadetship has been smooth sailing.

I'll never understand why he had to lose the key to his trunk the first night of Cadre. The Regimental Commander didn't like that! And if only he hadn't hit that ice slick that first night on I-B1. His dyke didn't like that! And why did he have to come charging into barracks in civies after a Madison run without first looking. The O.D. didn't like that!

Hey, maybe the occurences haven't been so few or so minor at all. I'll still say he's a sure bet to get that house in the country, good engineering job, and beautiful, rich chick for a wife that he's always wanted! Good luck to a true Brother Rat.

Dykes: '73: John Riding
'79: Bob Bowling
Bill Hamlin
Jamey Pigg

Keith Dean Dickson
"Kuffy, Kuff-Kuff"
Farmville, Virginia
History — Infantry

Cpl., Sgt., Pvt., V.M.I. Theater 4, 3, 2, 1; Vice-President 2; Dean's List 2, 1; Lacrosse 3, 2, 1; Cadet Staff I; Ameba Crew; Wrecking Crew; Lip Rippers; Rum Truckers; Zoo Crew. "There are only two forces in the world, the sword and the spirit. In the long run the sword will always be conquered by the spirit."
— Napolean

Keith is one of few men who believes that there is something redeeming about the system in spite of the way it has treated him. Keith has changed at V.M.I., but even with change he remains the same man philosophically when he entered. Bitterness and apathy are often the attitudes one finds in cadets but Keith has always held and will always hold to the belief that man is basically decent and maybe there really is a silver lining even though it always seems to be raining. If the Romantics are right, (Keith would say they are) striving and hope is all we have so we'd better use them to our betterment.

Dykes: Class of 1973 John England
Mike Burke
Terry Tillman

Class of 1979 Tom Trumps
Sput Leadbetter

W. Michael Dietrick
"Mike", "D"
Richmond, Virginia
English — Infantry

Young Republicans 4; Armed Forces Club 4; Track Manager 4; Rat typist VMI Cadet 4; Third Class Finance Committee 3, Junior Editor VMI Cadet 2; English Society 2, 1; Copy Editor VMI Cadet 1; Editor of the 1976 Bullet 1; Tech Raiders 3; Ghetto 4, 3, 2, 1; Chairman of the 1976 Bloodmobile 1; Cadet Waiters 1.

From a lieutenant at Benedictine High School in Richmond, to a 4 year tenure as a private at VMI. That pretty well summarizes the "D's" military accomplishments to date.

As we pass into the social side of life we envision Michael as one of the Souths finest of the Hyatt House Tobacco Bowl Governors Ball or ringing in the new year at the Red Dog Saloon, taking life easy at a couple of jousting tournaments, or partying in general at the "Cellar".

When thinking back over these past 4 years one would characterize Mike as the Ghetto pictorial recorder, chief phraseiologist, 3 time Calculus buff, and one of the finest procrastinators ever to come down the pike.

As our time together comes to a close, good luck, and here's to the many wild parties to come.

Dykes: '73: Scott Hargis
'79: Tommy Sotos, Ken Shelton

Thomas Howard Diggs.
"TD", "Mr. Diggs"
Fluvanna County, Virginia
Biology — Field Artillery

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Student Trainer 4, 3; Academically Distinguished; Pr-Med Society 3, 2, 1; OGA Representative 2; Karate Club 2; Student Grotto 2, 1; Young Republicans 4; Firefighters 1; Ghetto; The Gladiators 1.

Tom ventured into VMI with much the same fore knowledge as his BR's, in other words, he did not have the faintest idea of what he was getting himself into. A famed football trainer, never before has the Institute seen such a reeling terror with a roll of tape. Tom would often disappear into the deep caverns of the famous "Bio" department, not to do battle with the "adverse elements", (146 sharks). Tom was always making his presence known with his characteristically hideous war cry. He eventually joined forces with a certain "grasshopper" and pursued a field of martial arts. Rarely could anyone enter his domain without receiving multiple thrust kicks to the cerebralhemispheres. Always ready to adventure beyond the horizons, be it riding a bike to Canada, crawling around in caves, or even hunting cockroaches in the barrack's tunnels, Tom's presence was an inspiration. Tom has a lot going for him, but even better, a lot to look forward to.

A closer friend will never be found, good luck.

Dykes: '73: Hugh White
'79: Bill Middleton

James Francis Dittrich
"Jim, Jimbo"
Willow Grove, Pa.
History, Infantry

Chairman Finance Committee; Ring Figure Committee; Cadet Newspaper Finance Manager; Lejeune Hall Cadet Assistant; Civil War Roundtable (Vice-President); Armed Forces Club; Pvt., Cpl., Sgt., Pvt.; S-3 & S-5 Staffs; Run For Your Life; President of the Nina Foote Fan Club.

Many Cadets have come and gone at the big "I", and say they took a piece of the place with them when they left. Jimbo has the only legitimate claim, however, when he took a chunk of the Washington Arch gate with him, his second class year, on the hood of a '69 Electra. The Chicago Kid just took this in stride, though. After a couple of summers searching for his elusive love, appropriately disguised as a tour guide, a dejected Jim came back to Virginia to find a beautiful creature in the form of Nina, living in the catacombs of Sem. With her help, Jimbo survived the frustrations of confinement with a smile on his face.

Jim has many friends at VMI, and as the Class of '76 exits, his BR's realize (if they haven't already) what a great person he is, even if he did have a nasty habit of sleeping on the floor, disguised as a human dust mop.

Dykes: '73 Warren Richards
'79 Bob Russell, Randy Young & Bill Brown.

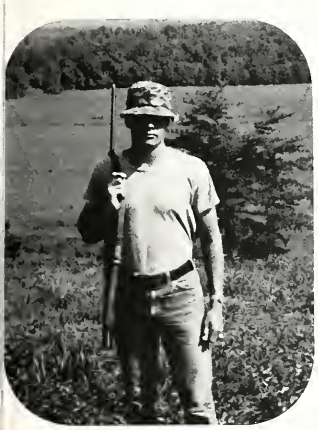
Harold Thoddeus Dodge Jr.
Tad
Burlington, N.C.
English — Infantry

Varsity Tennis 4; Post No. 5, 3, 2; Editorial Editor VMI Cadet 1; Cpl. 3; 1st Sgt. 2; B Co. Commander 1; Dean's List 3, 2; English Society First Prize for Poetry 2; Charter Member "BUFU" club; Member Cadet Publications Board 1; Shot Down 4, 3, 2, . . . 1?.

"The place where optimism most flourishes is the lunatic asylum."
Havelock Ellis

"God Bless North Carolina." Robert E. Lee

When you summarize an important phase in a man's life it is impossible to catch all of the flavor of a man or of his achievements. Likewise when one speaks of a man's success or failure it is hard to be original and keep yourself from turning your essay into a catalogue. VMI, for better or worse changes us all just as college changes every person who goes there whether we concern ourselves with the epistomology of Kant or the problems of getting a date for the next weekend. Tad and everyone around him knows his abilities, his record of achievements tells what he did, but those of us who know Tad best appreciate what all this cost him and hope for what it will bring him. Tad is a friend to those who will be a friend and maybe in the long run that is all one has to say.



John Lawrence Dorsey
Groundhog Slayer, Sherm Alexander
Winchester, Virginia
Civil Engineer — Engineer

Cpl., Sgt., 2 Bn. S-3; Airborne School; VMI Ranger; Aggressor C.O.; Orienteering Team; Fire Fighters; Scuba Club; Rat Training C.O.; A.S.C.E.; S.A.M.E.

John came down the road from Winchester as a natural for VMI. Having a rat haircut all his life, he never understood why anyone would complain about such a nice place.

Being a small town boy in college, there were never any false fronts or put ons with John. After staying with his family, I realize that his openness and honesty were a gift from his parents. John may never develop much in the way of sophistication, but he will always be honest.

Now with four years and every summer session behind him John will graduate on time. While many others fell out, his determination paid off in the end. John leaves VMI with the same motivation that he came with.

After rooming with John for four years, I still hate country music.

Dyke, Class of '73 John Riding
Dykes, Class of '79 Mike Weatherholtz
Ed Buck

George Wayne Eastham
Icabod Wayno East
Hume, Virginia
Economics — Armor

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Deans List; Sec. Executive Committee & General Committee; The Cellar 2, 1; Ghetto Dweller 3, 2, 1; Social member ΓΚΣ.

Easy-going, tournament riding, bourbon drinking, preppie dressing, country living, Southern gentleman. This is the way Geo. W. "Ridley" Eastham came to and will leave the Institute. Between broken noses and gambling busts Wayno found time for a variety of social activities ranging from secretary of the VMI chapter of ΓΚΣ to charter member and ace partier of The Cellar. Somewhat of a nonconformist, he was once seen wearing coatee and ducks with his topsiders at the Governor's Ball in Richmond. A night hawk at heart, East could sleep all day and study or party all night depending on the mood of the day. Never one to complain, Wayne floated through taking the good with the bad and having as even a disposition as anyone in the class. As our four years of afternoons at Duck's and nights on the road draw to a close, thanks for all the good times, and here's to many more.

Dykes: 73 — Douglas K. Baumgardner
Charles M. Sleelman
79 — Jeffrey H. Curtis
Philip H. Gallahan

Gerald Scott Eggleston
"Egg"
Lexington, Virginia
History — Armor

Cadet Newspaper; Caving and Mountaineering Club; Free Bird; Cadet Waiter; Rugby

I've always wondered about the proverbial chicken and egg, but upon coming to VMI I was presented with the old story with a new twist, how did a big Egg beget a little Egg? Quiet, unassuming. . . and yet a perfectionist at whatever task he set for himself, one could always find Jerry in the room reading or studying; he could never keep himself from having a guilty conscious after having partied all night, especially when we had a Do-Do test the next morning. Be that as it may, we know the intenseness which underlies Jerry's seemingly gentle nature will carry him over any hurdle which life presents.

Dykes: '73 E. D. Woomer
'79 Dan Kornacki

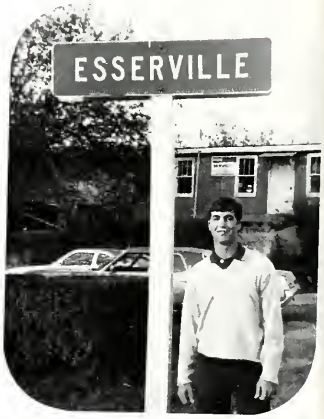
Jefferson Randolph Esser
Acton, Massachusetts
Civil Engineering, Air Force

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Golf Team 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1, Sec-Treas. 3, V.P. 2, Pres. 1; Monogram Club, 3, 2, 1; Deans List 4, 3, 2, 1; Pervert Corner 1.

"This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day as I will. I can waste it or use it for good, but what I do today is important because I am exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something that I have traded for it. I want it to be a gain, not a loss; good, not evil; in order that I shall not regret the price that I have paid for it."

Dr. Heartsill Wilson

'73 Jeff Minch
'79 Fred Stamey
Jim Sasani



Frank Lively Estis

"Smelvin J. Cooley, the ELF, Bubbles"
Richmond, Virginia
Chemistry

It is hard to believe that August, 1972 was four years ago. Hard for everyone, that is, but our undaunted hero, Smelvin J. The ELF persevered through long nights by the sink light faithfully writing his Rat English themes. He managed to survive J. B.'s snoring, the "Greasy Goose," "well Frank, I'm afraid that's just one of shortcomings," to say nothing of P-Chem, Col. Spaghetti (Ha-cha-cha-cha-cha!) and the All-American Gansz Band, and became a weatherman in the Gay Blue yonder. Stumbling about, the light dawned on Bubbles that perhaps what he really needed was a woman. Carefully studying the alternatives, Smelvin came to one of his few brilliant decisions; to get along with a beautiful girl you don't need to be a football hero, you gotta be a Cheerleader!
GO, FIGHT, AHHHHhhhhhhhhhhh!!!

William Robert Favier

"Bill", "Wild Bill", "D.D.", "Fave"
El Paso, Texas
Electrical Engineering — Mathematics

Pervert Corner; Cpl., Color Sgt., Pvt.; Class Treasurer 3, 2, 1; Selletse; Honor Court 2; Prosecutor 1; Room 112 Gang; Intramural Handball Champ, Fall Semester, '74–'75; Y.S.; FITAS Rack Club; Deans List 4, 3, 2, 1; D.M.S.

Mom's little angel Bill arrived via Trailways from the tumbleweed country of the Texas desert, August 23, 1972, to the Land of Oz, only to realize it looked nothing like the postcards. Equipped with a 1410 S.A.T. score, a toothbrush, an insatiable appetite, a brillo-head, and a torn cartilage in his chest, Dick set out to conquer V.M.I. and save his less-than-perfect roommates. But unknown to him, his roommates had other plans for him: Corruption! Learning to party ("hic") his rat year, his third class year brought him the longest hair ever, corporal stripes, plus a great quest for a double major and academic stars. His second class year brought a wild Ring Figure weekend in Roanoke and learning how to take an Alka-Seltzer.

All kidding aside, Bill's first class year brought about numerous accolades and to us the realization that we had a great roommate and one hell of a Brother Rat who would do anything to help a friend.

Good luck to a fabulous guy and an everlasting buddy.

Dykes: '73: Jimmie Lynn Reeves
'79: Bruce Pearson
Steve McKenna

Pelham Leander Felder IV

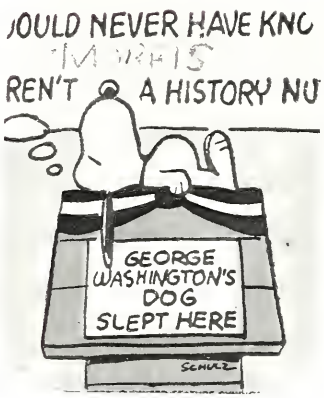
"Pummel"
Arlington, Virginia
History — Field Artillery

Letter Varsity Soccer 4, 3, 2, 1; Glee Club 4, 3, 2; Vice-President Glee Club 1; Timmins Society; S-5 Staff.

Lonely is the man who understands.
Lonely is vision that leads a man away
From the pasture-lands,
From the furrows of corn and the brown loads of hay,
To the mountain-side,
To the high places where contemplation brings
All his adventurings. . . .

Shall a man understand,
He shall know bitterness because his kind,
Being perplexed of mind,
Hold issues even that are nothing mated.
And he shall give
Council out of his wisdom that none shall hear;
And steadfast in vain persuasion must he live,
And unabated
Shall his temptation be.
"Abraham Lincoln"
John Drinkwater

Dykes: Class of '73 Dick Bugbee
Class of '79 Reid Hudson
John Golding



Ian Adair Fergusson
Fergy, Fergy-Rat, Dirtball, Slug
Placerville, California
Civil Engineering — Infantry

A.S.C.E. 3, 2, 1; Young Democrats of VMI, 2, 1; VMI Ranger Platoon 3, 2; VMI Tanker Platoon 1; VMI Theater 2, 1; Society of Physics Students 4, 3.

"Ferg" the California Slug, will long be remembered in the sheet that even his dykes hated to touch. The combination of booze, beer, sleep and women (of which there were many), cried out for him but the one that was the loudest was the rack. He must really like the Big "I" because he spent two summers there mainly at Goshen with time out for a little work and a lot of rack attacks. Yes, he brought a lot to the VMI and wherever he goes we will all look back and laugh at machismo man, and his virgin "Rum Truck".NAJ

Who but Ian could compete for the VMI sleeping record and still keep off Academic Probation? Who but Fergy could wolf down five helpings of Mess Hall meatloaf in one sitting, and then need an immediate stomach pump? Who but Ranger Ian could get the M-60 machine gun working on FTX? What more can be said about this guy. He can cope. ABK

Dykes: Class of '73: Steven R. Chadwick
'79: John C. Poffenbarger
Ted C. Kientz

Cesario Ferrer Jr.
Ces
Petersburg, Va.

Cadet Typist 4; Karate Club 4, 3; Sport Parachute Club 3; Pre-Med Society 4, 2, 1; Newman Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Regimental Band; 1st Chair Snare; Percussion Coordinator 2, 1; Pep Band 4, 2, 1; Glee Club 2, 1; Young Republicans 4; RFYL 50 Mile Club; Dean's List; Harley R. Hinton Scholarship; St. Patrick Church Folk Group Director 3.

"How would you like to eat some shoe leather?" was Cesario's first thought as he entered the ratline . . . But he always met his challenges in a civilized manner. (Pretty good for a Pompating Director with delusions of Godhood). Four years later he's the same old Ces . . . except that on a few occasions he has been scared by something floating through the transom and shouting "Boo". The system never was able to take his individuality away; in fact, Ces was a positive influence on many in helping them from becoming one of the administration's stereotypes. To many, he was a brother, never to busy to help someone in trouble. Yet one would never hear Ces pamper anyone with solutions to problems. If he believed someone was wrong, he would tell them. Ces can become anything he wants to. He will never stop trying to reach his goals. Ces, your brothers are praying for you. If you ever get knocked down, get up. You have all of us behind you. We know you can do it . . . and you will. Till our paths cross again . . . and they will; Chow mi hermano — Little God.

Leslie David Fielder
"Leslie" "David" "Phantom"
Roanoke, Virginia
History — Air Force

Pvt., Corporal, 1st Sergeant, Captain — E Co. Commander; Young Republicans 4; Rat Training 4, 3; RFYL 3, 2; Rat Disciplinary Committee 1; First Class Representative to VMI Publications Board; Ghetto Club 3, 2, 1; FIP.

Looking back over our years here at VMI, I cannot help but wonder at Dave's tenure here. The ranking man in the company is not supposed to be the type to go out and party all the time — he's supposed to stay in barracks and worry about shined shoes, guard mounts, and the like. David has somehow managed to come up with a good mix of the two. Achieving the distinction of being First-ranking Corporal, first sergeant, and finally company commander, he was also able to achieve the distinction of "liking to run barefoot through the grass" while terrorizing football players at parties, leading raids through the boxwoods at W and L, and keeping the road hot between Lexington and Radford. I hope Bonnie can keep this boy on the ground — here's a rebel yell for both of you in your years together.

Dykes: '73: R. R. Reid III
'79: John Blake
Steve Jones
Masoud Banjestani-Moghaddam

William Dean Fisher
Fish, Half-a-Rat, Red Jumor, Reg. Troll '76
Willisburg, Kentucky
EE — Signal Corps

(3, 2, 1, (Assistant Mgr. and Mgr.); FIP; AOT; No ntinement club and run for your rack club; Blockage Runner.

W.D. Fisher came from Kentucky to the VMI as green as ass and happy. During his cadetship he has been searching r what he doesn't know. But while here he has met some very e people, to name a few, Dr. Fitchett, Red Turner and the PX ew, JK Beard, his BR's and lower classmen, some Sem tudents and, last but not least, CL Price.

W.D. can best be summed up to his friends, his weird ways barefoot when possible and no hay rack) and his love for truth nd love in life.

W.D., live by the book and keep your lesson in mind, specially Proverbs 31 (10–31), ECC 3 (1–8), and Mat 23 (28 nd 38–39) and don't forget, You rate more than your horse.

ykes: Class of '73; TR Clark
'76; CL Price

Douglas Randolph Fitchett
"Fitch"
Gloucestar, Virginia
Electrical Engineering Air Force

Baseball; Young Republicans; Astronomy Club; "Zoo Crew" Regimental Herpetologist; LA-EE; Monogram Club; Cadet; WLUR.

each other
Peace passing through walls . . .
Hand passing through hair . . .
Developing our sense of potential . . .
Knowing each other is there . . .

Balancing security and freedom . . .
Growing each week, each day . . .
Seeing the one bud of Love
Slowly become a bouquet.
Kanan

Time Is . . .
Too slow for those who wait.
Too swift for those who fear.
Too long for those who grieve
Too short for those who rejoice
But for those who love . . .
Love is Eternity

Dykes, Class of '73: Doug Payne
Dykes, Class of '79: Stan Leck

Jay Kellar Foertsch
Jay Bird
Chickasha, Oklahoma
Biology — Air Force

Cdt. Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List; VMI Karate Club 3, 2, 1; Ace Airplane Driver; First Place Robert Redford Look Alike Contest.

Aero Spaced Foertsch, the commercial Pilot of room 121, flew his way into the arch right behind us on that fateful Thursday morning in 1972.

With aspirations of being a jet jockey and a physicist, Foertschetti soon saw the light. Rat Physics threw him into a dive and the Air Force said no on his bat-like eye sight. His four-year active duty desires changed to 90 days when he changed from atoms to anatomy. His excellence as a biologist has led him to consider the unmentionable; Graduate school.

Living with him for four years has convinced us that he's on to something big; we know he'll succeed. Good luck Brother Rat

Dykes: Class of '73; Curtiss Gene Hostetter
'79; Bill Lamb
Mike Stako

Henry Joyce Foresman Jr.

Yank Hank
Lexington, Virginia
History — Armor

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Football Team Mgr. 4, 3; Bomb 4, 2; Sports Editor 2; IRC 2nd & 1st Runner up Dugunne Model UN's '74 & '75; Ghetto; Supertrooper; Richmond Raiders.

When General Joseph Stilwell said "By constant care, by meticulous thought and preparation, by worry, by insistence on high standards in everything, by reward and punishment, by impartiality, by an example of calm confidence. It all adds up to Character." He wasn't talking of VMI, but maybe should have been. The experiences at VMI have not always been good, but they have taught me many things about life. It has also taught me to look beyond the obvious for the answer. My thanks go to Maury, Dan, Jay, Lee, Mike, Jack, Chip, and Herb and the Ghetto for making VMI easier. I also appreciate the advice that Capt. Williams has given me for three years. Special thanks to my Mom, and especially my Dad for having an open ear and an old camp story to tell.

Dykes: '73: D. C. Martin
'79: Craig Marson
John DeLuca

Robert Sherwin French

Bob Tubes
Fort Dix N.J.
Economics — Infantry

Hop and Floor 3, 2, 1; Sport Parachute Club 3; Football Manager 4; Sounding Brass 3, 2; El Numero Uno Club 2; Cheese and Wine Club 1.

Now . . . in this faraway land
Strange . . . that the palms of my hands
Should be damp with expectancy

Spring . . . and the air's turning mild
city lights . . . and the glimpse of a child
of the alleyway infantry

Friends . . . do they know what I mean
Rain . . . and the gathering green
of an afternoon out-of-town

But lord I had to go
My trial was laid too slow behind me
To face the call of fame
Or make a drunkard's name for me
Though now this other life
Has brought a different understanding
And from these endless days
Shall come a broader sympathy
And though I count the hours
To be alone's no injury . . .

My home . . . was a place near the sand
Cliffs . . . and a military band
Blew an air of normality

King Crimson

Dykes: '73: Coley Raffo
'79: Heckle Wilson
Jeckle Reinard

Peter Micheal Friesen

Pete, Biscuit Butt, Buns
El Paso, Texas
Electrical Engineering — Arbllery

Swimming 4, 3, 2, 1; Water Polo 4, 3, 2, 1; President IEEE 1; Secretary-Treasurer of IEEE 2.

Being an Army Brat with twenty moves in 20 years, Pete finally found a home in sunny Virginia at VMI. While in these parts, he has made a name for himself and it usually appears on the bone sheet about 2 or 3 times a week. Although his reputation has grown with his advancement to first class private, he still strives for excellence. His name now appears on the bone sheet about 5 or 6 times a week, but he will still graduate(?)

Pete's trouble seems to stem from his activities. Being a member of the swim team and nook-for-your-life, he often gets his times and dates mixed up. From this he is always in trouble with either the Colonel or Mary Ann. But never fear, by May 15, our hero will have what he greatly desires. (B.S. Electrical Engineering and freedom)

Pete, has proven his friendship and brotherhood. We will always remember you B.R.

Take care of him Mary Ann

Dykes: Class of '73; John Leon
'79; Carter McCrowell
Abassali Erfani

Clyde L. Furr
City Boy, Country
Concord, Tenn.

Pvt., Cpl. Pvt., Sgt., Pvt.; Order of the Scarlet Nape; Bufu Chartermember; Pre-med Society; VMI Theatre; Karate Club; Circulation manager VMI Cadet; Ring design Committee; Cub Scout Den Chief; Across the Trestle and Through the Woods Shooting Club; Hopewell Fan Club.

Somebody once said, "Nice guys finish last." This might be true initially but it is not true finally, at least for Clyde.

Knowledge costs us something, whether it is a monetary price, a physiological one, or both. Yet, when we finally finish, our knowledge is valuable and constant simply because we have paid the price whatever it may be. We are changed by what we find out and the more we learn the more we are changed.

The existential hero suffers to learn but the fact in that he does learn and this alone justifies the suffering. Clyde has suffered in many things that have value, even if their worth is only realized here.

One can get sloppy when one discusses friendship. However, perhaps the connotations of the word friend are adequate to describe the feelings and ramifications of that word. It is enough to say Clyde has been a friend and always helped me when help was needed.

Dykes: '73 Glen Younis
'79 Rob Maxey
Daen Smith

Peter Hitchcock Gabriel
"Stump"
North Haven, Connecticut
English — Infantry

Pvt., Cpl., Sgt., 1st. Lt. (2nd Bn. S-1); Dean's List; Academically Distinguished; Honor Court; Varsity Swimming 4, 3, 2, 1; English Society 3, 2, 1 (Vice-President 2); English Speaking Union; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1 (Treasurer 1); Publicity Chairman V.M.I. Symposium Committee; Who's Who in American Universities.

"For my years in exile I regret nothing. He who would seek Truth and proclaim it to mankind is bound to suffer. My sorrows have taught me to understand the sorrows of my fellow men; neither persecution nor exile have dimmed the vision within me."

— Kahlil Gibran

Dykes: '73 Hal Laughlin
'79 Dana Perry
Mohammad Hossein Pour

Herndon Maury Gatewood, Jr.
"Skinnywood", "Doowetag", "Nubben Nibble"
Richmond, Virginia
Chemistry — Artillery

Varsity Wrestling 4, 3; College Republicans 4; American Chemical Society 2, 1; Regimental Colors Staff 3; Run For Your Life 3, 1; Third Class Collection Board 3; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1.

Our Only F.F.V. Aristocrat and Charter member of the pre-rat year summer school scholar club, Maury rattled his way through the arch with the rest of us on that ugly Thursday morning in '72. 6 Feet tall and 130 lbs., Maury stuck out like a sore pinky.

Battling bouts with tough grades and a minor setback; Maury recovered with an unparalleled zeal for academics and Barb. A Chemistry Major with a real love for the bubbly liquids; Maury looks forward to a research position.

His generosity in housing the unruly apes of 121 on the various Corps Trips is hard to believe. Whenever we needed a friend, he was there. Good luck H. Maury, and stay out of C.C.V.

Dykes: Class of '73 — Webb Tyler
Class of '79 — Nick Kepf, J.J. Carty

David Mark Gedro
"Gator"
Newport News, Va.
English

Artillery Armed Forces Club; Civil War Roundtable; English Society; Fire-Fighters; International Relations Club; Newman Club; Young Republicans; Who's Who in American Hayracks; Vice-President Number 1 Club; After-Taps Club.

Gator came to VMI with the idea of becoming a career Army officer, but after only a short while at the "Root", he realized his true calling — country music singer. Yes, VMI was the epitome of San Quentin, Paramount was the archetypical bar-room, and Southern Sem provided the "Girl That Broke My Heart." In no time at all, Gator was composing songs about prisons, getting drunk, Mom, and the love that walked out the motel room door. Gator has searched far and wide for his material, from Amherst to Crozet, from Fairfield to Farmville, from Gold Coast to Sally-Port and even beyond, the search continues. With great love and respect for the class of '76, especially Gary, Mike, Zeugie, Ed, and City Boy, I leave.

Dykes: '73: D. R. Poynor
'79: Tom McCarthy

Dabney Thomas Poindexter Gilliam Jr.
"Dexter", "D.T.P."
South Boston, Virginia
Biology

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Freshman Football; Varsity Golf 4, 3, 2, 1; Posit Committee; Executive Committee; General Committee; Class President; Ghetto.

Dexter came to us from the good country club life of South Boston, Virginia, and maintained this way of life throughout his four years. I'm not really sure how to sum up his V.M.I career, but I know that Sevanne, golf, hunting, and gin and tonic should be included. In the middle of our second class year Dexter inherited our class presidency and has fulfilled this office in his easy going manner. The best way to remember The Institute is through the good times, and I'm sure Dexter will often think back about our excursions into Lexington, the numerous parties all over the state, and our other periods of general craziness. Now that it's past Dexter will be heading into the great beyond of marriage and a quiet life. In both good luck, and don't let the mint hang in your throat. Here's to the good times we've got coming.

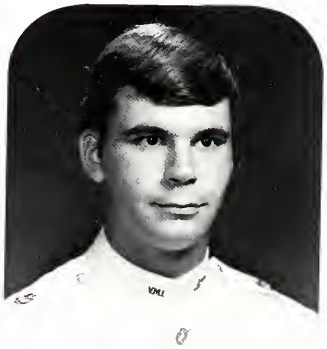
Dykes: '73 John Landry
'79 Noel Harris
Tom Whitlow

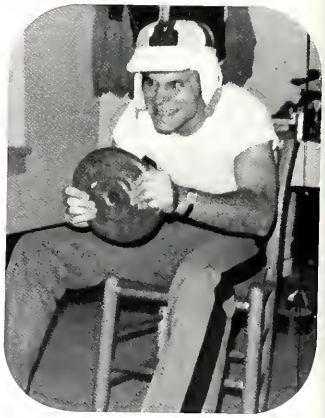
Richard Wayne Glass
"Rocky", "Rock Quarry", "SA"
Hopewell, Virgima
Civil Engineering — Air Force

Cpl, Sgt, Lt, Dean's List; ASCE, Seminar Chairman ASCE; Hop Escorts — President; J.V. Basketball; 74 Lacrosse Team 73, 74, 75, 76, Captain Lacrosse Team 76; Pervert Corner; 112 Gang; Selletse Gang; Post Holder Contestant; Honorary Packer; "Moe The Kangaroo"; F.I.T.A.S. Rack Club.

Rocky began his Rat year hoping to follow admirably in his brother's footsteps, but was awarded corporal stripes his third class year. But traits of a first class private loomed within as he was made a long-haired sergeant and lieutenant. SA never failed to drive us out the room and always hogged the mirror with his 30 minute shaves and marathon hair care with our towels and dryers. With his never-say-die-mouth the Allman brothers kid dated numerous girls at the Institute, only to be "invited" to their respective weddings. Moe could always "entertain" an audience and was the first of the gang to turn 21 (Guzzle !, Hic !). Keeping over a 3.0 in C.E. Rocky also became an accomplished lacrosse player, Hyatt House swimmer, and kangaroo, but always had time to help a BR in need. Good luck to a really great Brother Rat from friends forever in the class of '76.

Dykes: '73 — G.G. Gray
'79 — Mark Byrd
Robbie Patterson
Scooter Massie





Robert Edward Gleason

"Bob"
Richmond, Virginia
History — Field Artillery

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Caving and Mountaineering Club 4; 103 Tucker club 2, 1; Scuba Club 4; ATC 2, 1; Free Bird.

"Free as a bird to settle where I will what dwelling shall revieve me? In what vale shall be my harbour? Underneath what grove shall I take up my home? And what clear stream shall with its murmur lull me into rest? The earth is all before me."

W.W.

I would like to thank my parents without whose patience and guidance, I may not have come this far.

Dykes: '73: Bill Sedr
'79: Darioush Ahmadpour Samani
Gholamali (Sabu) Sadeghzadeh

Stuart Lee Godsey

"The Goose, Stulee, Gander"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Infantry

Rangers 2, 1; ASCE; Zoo Crew 4, 3, 2, 1; Pep Band 4; Musician Grade 5; Private 4, 3, 2, 1.

The Goose entered the "Big I" as a "Big Goose". The rigors of the Ratline whipped him into shape, but no obstacle was to prevent him from surpassing his original corpulence. Never one to do things halfway, he chose not to do them at all. While the books lay stagnant, he preferred to engage in intellectual discourse with his fellow "honorable youths." His quest for the Holy Bull Session led him to enlist in the BSR Commandos his second class year. He further distinguished himself by his habitual sojourns to the X, earning himself the title "Chancellor of the X-checkers." Maintaining the highest traditions of the citizen-soldier, he could be counted on to provide rear security for the Ranger Platoon during any of their frequent runs.

Fort Bragg, Beware — the Ides of Goose Approacheth.

Dykes: '73 John Kiracofe
'79 Stan Ballard
Travis Callaway

William Edward Grant

"Bill, WEG, Censored"
Wheaton, Maryland
History, Infantry

Newman Club 4, 3, 2, 1 (Chairman 2); VMI Theatre 3, 2, 1 (Business Manager 3, President 2, 1); Young Republicans 4, 3; Zoo Crew 4, 3, 2; Varsity Sleep team.

I remember my first trip down Route 11, As I crossed the Nile and viewed the Institute there was only one thought on my mind, "My God, it looks like a prison!"

Throughout our four years here everyone's questioned time and again why, why we came, why we stay, why we left our running girl home, why to everything. Then when we went home for the summer at the end of our Rat year, people realized that we had changed, we were different. This change was initiated by our VMI education, only a small part of which was in the classroom. Thanks to Mom.

". . . yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly; 'Tis dearness only that gives everything it's value."

Thomas Pain

Dykes: '73 Larry Cerruti
'79 John Colonna
'79 Rick Rice

Michael Joseph Gross
Coach, Wiseman, "Z"
Somerdale, N.J.
Economics — Artillery

President Sir Edmund Hillary Club; Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Ghetto Gladiators; Pre-Law Society 2; OMICRON Delta Epsilon; Distinguished Military Graduate

When things went wrong, as they sometimes will. When the ground we trudged was called the "hill." When funds were low, and debts were high, we wanted to smile, but had to cry. When the system pushed us down a bit, we'd relax with True Blue, but never quit. Life was queer with its twists and turns, as we roommates have surely learned. We'll never forget four-twenty four, the memory will linger for evermore. We didn't give up though the pace was slow, we turned to Mount View, or did you know? Failure was success turned inside out, we turned to Hillary without a doubt. A diary is kept of X, Y, and Z, a book which only we can see. Once we were four, but now we are three; so now to all we say farewell, let it be known that we did quite well.

Dykes — '73 Larry Edwards
'79 Nick Collins, Dale Ogg

Evan Lloyd Haberman
"Ev", "Ace"
Palisade, New Jersey
History — Air Force

Rat Historian; Fire Fighter; Debate Team; Pres. English Speaking Union; Academically Distinguished; History Honors Program; Summer Trip To Europe.

How VMI attracts these Yankees I'll never know, but Evan found his way to the Institute from Jersey. In his rat year he gave up on his musical abilities during the Band Company Purge to become a loyal member of a real company. Having suffered the worst of that first year, he was chosen to write the Rat History.

Evan got down to work and soon developed a 4.0 habit. Becoming addicted to academics may drive him to law school. If Evan goes to grad school we'll know where to find an honest lawyer.

The world would be better if we all had his ideals and integrity.

Dykes '73 John DeGiovanni
'79 Nick Rantis, Mitch Bottoms

Michael Overholt Hamlett
"The Heart Break Kid, Confinement Kid, Mikie, Moe, Stud, Gumby"
Richmond, Virginia
English Major Armor Branch

VMI Cheerleading squad; band; karate; English Society; wrestling; BSU; English tutor; gymnastics, 3.8 Rack Lab; 4.0 TV Lab.

The phrase "Mikie will do anything" was given to Cadet Hamlett as a joke by his roommates. However, Michael was a true cadet in every sense of the word because he was always ready to help his fellow brother rats. His first year at VMI was remembered by such high lights as walking guard for sick brother rats, holding the record for running the block the most times without getting caught and the many company meetings at Johnnies. Michael's second year was blackened by the confiscation of his popcorn popper, but it didn't keep him from his responsibility of having rank. Burdened with many responsibilities he still was known throughout Longwood, Southern Seminary, Baldwin, and Mary Washington. A small portion of his senior year was spent on confinement, but it didn't effect Cadet Hamlett's attitude or determination. In the eyes of his Brother Rats, Michael has been a constant source of strength, for it is men of his character which help the rest of us make it.

Dykes, Class of '73: Ray Burton
Dykes, Class of '79: David Kapleman, Jeb Burton

Harold Michael Hancock
"Mike," "Boy," "Job", "H-J", "Dev Redmond"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Air Force Special Student

Private; Commanders 4, 3, 2, 1, Treasurer 2, 1; Tweets 4, 3, 2, 1; Rancher 2, 1.

"Job" came to VMI with visions of jets and an engineering degree. But the Air Force knew what was best — Mike was soon a civilian again. After his rat year, Mike decided it was time to improve his grades and his love life. He made the same decision again after his 3rd and 2nd class years, and eventually both the G.P.A. and the number of dates improved. Mike's gotten a lot of grief about being "the boy" ever since he was too young to give blood as a rat, and he knows that at our 25th reunion we'll still be calling him "the boy". Mike leaves VMI with a C.E. degree and many friends.

To my parents: Without your faith, understanding, and encouragement, graduating would have been a dream instead of a reality.

Dyke class of '73: Jim Chalkley
Dykes, class of '79: Robert Sutherd
Michael Vela

Kenneth Stanley Harbin
"Mule, Biafran Kid, So Peelto"
Strafford, Pennsylvania
Economics
Infantry — PLC

Student Grottoe 4, 3; Gymnastic Club 4, 3, 2; Pole Vault 3; Karate Club 2; Wrestling 1; Vacation 2nd semester '75.

The Butterfly, a cabbage-white,
(His honest idiacy of Flight)
Will never now, it is too late,
Master the Art of flying straight;
Yet has — who knows so well as I ? —
A just sense of how not to fly:
He lurches here and there by a guess
And God and hope and hopelessness.
Even the aerobic swift
Has not his flying-crooked gift.

Graves.

Dykes: Class of 1973 Mack Kirkpatrick
Class of 1979 Tsung Ming Yeh
Robert Parodi

John Newton Harman
"John-John" "Chipmunk" "Newton" "Latin Lover"
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Ghetto; Regimental Band; Commanders; Timmins Society; Pep Band; Young Republicans; Jump Club; Scuba Club.

Johnny came to VMI with a list of high school honors too long to mention. In a modest way, he left all this behind him upon entering the Big I. But he did bring something special with him from Colorado, and that was his warm personality. When John entered the arch, who can forget his first words, "I couldn't live like that, NO SIR!" The saying stuck and so did John. To his brother rats John was known as Hardon, to the Army, Hard Up, and to all the girls, Hard To Get. John is aggressive in everything he does whether it be girls, friendship, or his own personal goals. To a lasting friendship. Moe

Dykes, The Rat Class

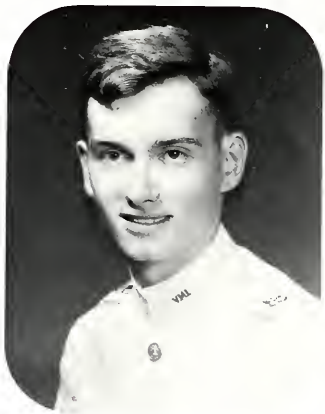
Raymond David Harrell

Ray, Raunchy, Pops, Raimondo, Blade
Annandale, Virginia
Electrical Engineering — Air Force

WLUR-FM Radio Club 4; Young Republicans 4; Scuba Club 3; Computer Club 3; Student Grotto 2, 1; IEEE Board Member 2, Vice-President 1; Intramural Handball Champion, Doubles 2; Zoo Crew 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1.

Ray showed up for cadre with a smile on his face and hair on his shoulders — a sure-fire way to make an impression. Never one to take things too seriously, he tried to breeze his way through the ratline and blew into the Regimental Commander. Come January, B Company was smoking cigars in honor of Elissa Michelle. As a third Ray dedicated himself to handball, music, and three-man cluster wrestling. This taught him a lot about Zoo life, but not much about circuits, so naturally he got an Air Force scholarship. Academics got tougher and Ray studied harder — but still managed to fit in an occasional "night uptown with the boys" when we tied and gagged him and forced him to down a brew. Graduation brings Ray 90 days and his 'Stang; what more could a guy want?

Dykes: '73 Fred Allison
'79 Joe Bonsignore
Said Seyed Mahadviani



Mark Alan Havelin

Aurelius Marcus Tony
Randallstown, Maryland
History — Armor

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI Cadet Staff 4, 3, 2, Circulation Manager 3, 2, Advertising Manager 2; Varsity Baseball 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Pep Band 4; Summer School Club; Mail Room Assistant 2, 1; Computer Club 1; Young Republicans 4, 3; Monogram Club 2, 1; American Chemical Society 2.

Virginia Military Institute
Lexington, Virginia

15 May 1976

Subject: Permit
To: The Superintendent

1. Having spent four years at VMI working on the Cadet staff, as Head Baseball manager, as an assistant manager in the PX and as the only cadet never to have a permit disapproved, I request permission to return to normality for the 76–77 school year.
2. Permission is further requested to maintain a residence in the county, drink on Post, serve as assistant commandant, and have Debbie as a dyke.
3. I will have completed all requirements for a B.A. in History at the completion of the 76–77 academic year.
4. I have no confinement or restrictions.
5. I must return to the Institute for a fifth year, and I wish for this permit to be in effect for the entire year.

Dykes: '73: Joe Cini
'79: Tom Northam

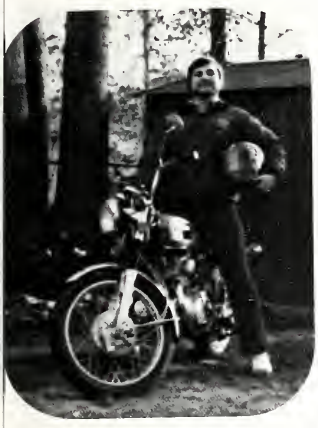
Thomas Anderson Hawthorne

"Tom", "Haythorne", "Hawk"
South Hill, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Air Force

Dean's List; ASCE; RDC; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Ghetto 1; Zoo Crew 3, 2; RFYL-200 Mile Club; VMI-Longwood Club.

Coming from a farm in Southside, Virginia, Tom has earned the respect and admiration of his BR's. Somewhat the studious type, Tom has worked himself into good academic shape, but he is never too busy to help a friend. All the '76 CE's know his door is never closed. Many a person has passed an exam due to Tom's coaching. However, Kim and Longwood were never second nature to him either. Always willing to drop everything for his girl friend, a few late nights were required for catching up on homework after the weekend. No doubt, Tom, you will go far in life because you know when to work, when to play, and have never lacked for friends. The members of '76 and VMI will miss you. Best of luck to one who has given so much.

Dykes: '73 — Robbie Bowman
'79 — Charlie Moses
John Ozolins



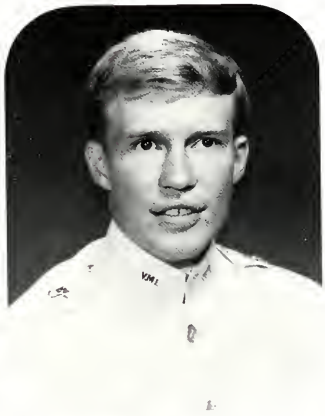
Richard Bernard Hayes
"Rich" "Cookie Man" "Block"
Fairfax, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Air Force

Pvt. 4, 2, 1; A.S.C.E.; Fencing Team; Scuba Club; "Roland Tiso Society For Motivation".

Hello der Mr. Hayes, are you a V.M.I. student, or a U.V.A. student? If you are a U.V.A. student I suggest you go ride your Honda 175 and the teachers there will give you an A; but if you should decide to be a V.M.I. Keydet like I was, you might get stuck with a professor who will give you an F, but will be at least nice enough to say "have a nice day".

Rich decided to take the V.M.I. route and under the influence of people like the Papa he has, became a true C.E. student at heart. The guys at V.M.I. have really enjoyed having Rich as a friend because of his good nature. We all wish Rich the best of luck in the future.

Dykes; '73: Doug Huthwaite
'79: Ben Bauman
Keith Biegel



Rodney Elwood Hayes
"Crazy" Bubba
Newport News, Virginia
Chemistry — Air Force

Football 4; Indoor Track 4; Baptist Student Union 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet 1; Library Assistant 2, 1;

"If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbol."
1 Corinthians 13:1

"When I was a child, I used to speak as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things."
1 Corinthians 13:11

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."
Philippians 1:21

Dykes: '72: Kevin Deigh
'73: John Hall
'79: Gill Pollard
Joe Jenkins

David A. Heatwole
Heat Y
Waynesboro, Virginia
Economics — Field Artillery

Vice President Sir Edmund Hillary Club; Blind Man; Ghetto Gladiators

I need time to find out where I'm going
I need people to show me where I've been
I know the answer and it feels good just known'
It's my friends who show me
Who I am

You been countin' numbers
You been checkin' letters
You've made a good song worse
Instead of a bad one better
We say come on in, sit yourself down
Pass it around, don't turn us off
Turn us on, 'cause you missed it in the past
And we're back again

"Escape to pure enjoyment"
— Sir Edmund Hillary

Dykes: '73 — Barry "C.S." Robertson
'79 — Scott Anderson, Steve "Boy" Heatwole

Gregory Stephen Hedley
Greg
White Plains, New York
Civil Engineering — Corps of Engineers

Pvt., Cpl., Sgt., Pvt.; Dean's List; Bomb 4; Firefighters 3, 2, 1; Young Republicans 3; Newman Club 4; SAME 2; ASCE; Commandant's List 3; Superintendant's List 3.

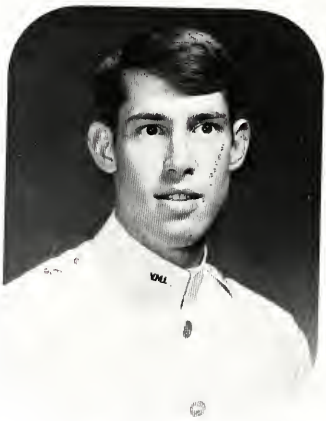
When Greg first saw the inside of his "cell" on the fourth stoop, he wasn't worried. He knew when the ratline was over in a few weeks he'd move into his real room, the one with carpeting, paneled walls, closets, and inside toilets. He's still waiting — until after graduation, but at least he's learned not to worry.

Greg is a hard person to get to know, if you can find him. If he is not studying in NEB or taking his weekly PX break, then Greg is home working to pay for his super car — not to mention the landlord of his "cell". Once you get to know him, you have a great friend for life. It would be hard to find more loyalty stuffed into one lanky body.

The Army doesn't realize yet what a loss they suffered when they let Greg get away. Anyone as fastidious, organized, and indefeatable as this man will go far in the business he chooses.

All who have the pleasure of knowing him these "golden" years at the "I" wish him luck, but we know he won't need it, he'll do fine on his own.

Dykes: '73: Jay Heine
'79: Vincent Koshute
Paul Ramey



Barry Dwayne Helms
"Bar" "Bar-D." "B.D."
Christiansburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering, Corps of Engineers

ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; SAME 2, 1; Young Republicans 4; Pvt. 4, 3; Sgt. 2; 2nd Lt. 1; Ghetto; Hop Committee 3, 2, 1; Timmins Society 4.

"Hi, my name's Bur Helms and I love you." What more could be said about him. It started as a joke but now it's synonymous with Bur. He learned the basics from his fine family and VMI refined them into not only a true friend but a man. His courtship of Francine is known throughout barracks, for who else would have kept Dave alive with cookies. With his slime green Dodge van, Bur Helms is the resident redneck in RM 132. I'm sure he will always remember crusin' in Buena Vista because Buena Vista will always remember him.

Dykes: '73: Mayes, H. Larry
'79: Petit, Kevin, S.
Mitchell, Tom K.

Michael Allan Hillsgrove
"Space"
Finksburg, Maryland
Chemistry, Air Force

Militaria Historical Society; Confinement Club; 90 day Air Farce Club; Apathy Club; PX Employee.

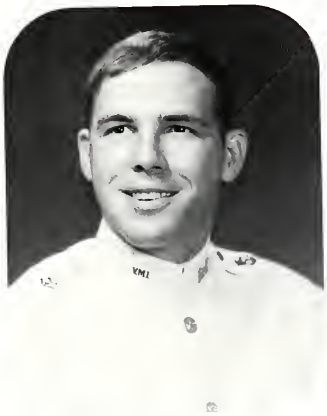
The phenomenon that is Michael Hillsgrove ranks as unique in the annals of VMI. A pilot at heart, he thrives on any means by which he can propel himself off Terra Firma and into the "Wild Blue Yonder." There's a lot of space out there and Mike seems to always know his way around.

He has proven his versatility by expanding his knowledge to a point whereby he can cope with not only immense planets revolving around suns but also electrons circling atoms.

Strangely enough, Mike tends to cast aside his potential for being a starship captain and prefers the role of an alaskan bush pilot.

The room for success in Mike's post-VMI days should be spacious and his brother rats of the Class of "76" wish for him only the best. He is our Brother Rat.

Dykes. "73" Ronald Paul Martin
"79" Randy Atkins



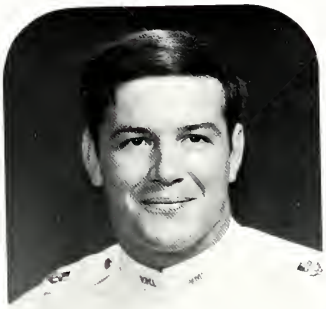
Lovick Stephen Hiner

Diabetic Wimp
Roanoke, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Corps of Engineers

Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, Lt. 1; X-Zero Club; Cadet Program Board 2, 1; Vice President 1; DGA 1, Secretary 1; Sport Parachute Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Scuba Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Student Grotto 2, 1; SAME 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Lip Rippers; Zoo Crew 3, 2, 1; Regimental Diabetic Wimp 2, 1.

Dedicated to "Happy" Hiner, VMI '43. A grub private from way back with the Old Corps who has put up with 4 years of my complaints and gripes about the Big I, even though, according to Happy, life at VMI is not half as hard as it was in the "Old Corps of '43". My father never pressured me into going to the Institute. He just said things like, "I wish one of my sons would go to VMI." This statement being made after my only other brother had picked UVa. or that during High School, a brand new VMI catalog would show up around the house every year and I never sent for it. But as usual, my father was right. I am glad I came and I am glad that I decided to stay.

Dykes: '73: Steve Turner
'79: Dale Drury
Gary Parker



Douglas Wayne Hines

"Doug, Hiney, FA2, Cecil
Elkton, Maryland
Economics, Armor

Member of Honor Court; D.M.S.; All-conference; 1974 Southern Conference Champs, Tri-Captain; Monogram Club President, Perverted Corner; Selletse gang; 112 gang; Hop Escort; Post Holders; Honorary Packer, Fitas Rack club.

"Dougie" entered VMI ready to play football for the "Big Red". Early, he realized it was not all fun and games here. His Rat year was the start of his nickname of (FA2) with shaving cream battles and sumo wrestling. Many girls passed through his VMI life. Hiney was not to be denied, he wasn't. His third class year brought a starting position at center and wrestling Thersa T. at ECU. Mild-mannered Doug was transformed into Mr. Cecil Country his 2nd class year. That country was good to Mr. DMS, as a friend introduced him to a "girl named Sue" who got him up for the games. An avid and expert partier, Doug showed his stuff (and lunch) at New Orleans and Monogram Parties. The Godzilla of Rat Breakouts returned for his 1st year hampered by "Karolinsntzitous" and strived for another SC Title and # 1 at the FP. Doug is more than an ordinary Keydet but a friend to all. He will always be remembered as a great roommate and lifelong friend.

Dykes: Blake Thomas "73"
Steve Lawrence "79"
John Cutright "79"
Chunk Neal "79"

Rodney Ashton Hottle

"Bear", "Hotrod", "Load"
Alexandria, Virginia
History — United States Air Force

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Grotto 4, 3, 2, 1; Commanders 4, 3, 2, 1; Firefighters 2, 1; Number 7 Club 1; "V's", ??; Ameoba Crew 3, 2, 1; Zoo Crew 4, 3, 2, 1.

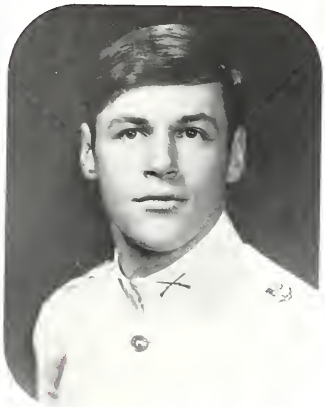
Rod Hottle is well known among his B.R.'s one way or another, but no matter which way he's known, he's liked. Rod is a personable guy, easy to get along with, and not very demanding. Actually he's a free-loader, but that's beside the point.

Like all cadets, Rod has had his problems. Academics that first year pushed him into a field he likes very much. The History Department will never be the same.

There also comes a time in each cadet's life when he's touched by that special girl. Rod's turn came in our Third Class year and ever since Debbie has been under his blotter and in his heart.

Well Load, whatever you do we all wish you luck and success.

Dykes: '73 Steve Smith
'79 Ed Jonson



Pascal Georges Houcke
Rumson, New Jersey
Electrical Engineer — Air Force

Student Groto; F.I.P.; English Speaking Union; Aid Swimming Instructor; Alliance Francais.

During the summer of '72, Pascal came to VMI in search of a degree in Electrical Engineering . . . nothing more. He soon found that VMI had much more to offer him (whether he wanted it or not). A civilian at heart, Pascal learned to accept the reality and boredom of cadet life, the VMI "Good Deals", the confining existence, and the total life of social life. It was tough for a man who had seen the Roman Coliseum, crossed the Tower Bridge, and touched the Arc De Triumphe. Although this may all portray his cadetship as a four year setback, such is not the case. Pascal learned Electrical Engineering, he adapted to cadet life and made lifelong friends. For him, VMI means learning and success.

Dykes: Class of '73; Darrell C. Rickmond Jr.
'79; John W. George
Paul G. Lachmanek

Nelson Allen Jeffers
"Big Man" "Jelson", "Naj"
Chesapeake, Virginia
Civil Engineering Air Force

J.V. Football 4; V.M.I. College Republicans 4, 3, 2, 1 Chairman 1, Sec 2; C.R.F.V. State Director of Education 1; Rugby 3, 2; Firefighters 3, 2; A.S.C.E. 4, 3, 2, 1; International Relations Club 1; P.C. 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1.

After three years of struggling, Nelson has realized part one of his college goals, to become a "civilian" engineer. Another goal he worked for and obtained, was the chairmanship of V.M.I.'s College Republicans Club. No one at V.M.I. could fill this position as well as Nelson. His attitude in this area is like his attitude for all else. Make it work out, no matter how hard it is.

"No man is an island, entire unto itself;
Every man is a piece of the whole, a part of the main"

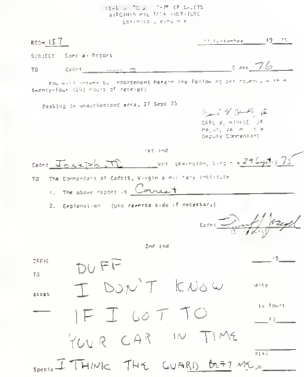
Dykes: '73 Jules S. Thomas
'79 Richard M. Toft, Eric F. Nost

Douglas Blair Johnson
"D.B.", "Doug"
Electrical Engineering — Infantry
Fairfax, Virginia

Pvt. 4, 3; Cpl. 3; Sgt., Pvt. 2; 2 Lt., 1; Student Grotto 4, 3; Ranger Platoon 3, 2. XD, 1; BSR 2; Computer Center Cadet Assistant 2, 1; R.D.C., 1; Academically Distinguished, Airborne and Ranger Qualified.

"You ain't got the #*@%#." Never have so few words spurred man on to such great achievements as these have for Doug. He has climbed mountains and jumped out of airplanes in pursuit of his motto . . . "I've got #*@%#!" Doug's nighttime status reports and morning wrestling matches were the hit of Rm. 358. His scholarly average of 3.5 was tarnished when Brother Rat Bone pulled a 4.0. It was a devastating blow, and other punches came also, for although he was a corporal, sergeant, and lieutenant, he never outranked The Bone. It wasn't until this past summer that he was able to win the ultimate victory by achieving his Airborne-Ranger status. There is but one question left to ask this grizzled (still only shaves once a week), weatherbeaten, jungle warrior, "Did ya see that big black dog yet Doug?"

Dykes: 73 J. D. Wilson
79 Stan Hodges
Bill Bailey



Gregg Drew Jones

"Gregg"
Chambersburg, Pa.
History, Infantry

Dean's List; DMS; Cpl.; Sgt.; 2nd Lt.; Glee Club President 1; Cadet In Charge-VMI Firefighters 1; CADET staff 1; Ranger Platoon 3; VMI Symposium Committee 1; English Speaking Union 2, 1; Graduate of the U.S. Army Airborne School; Blue Ridge Parkway Motorized Assault Force.

What can we say to a roommate like Gregg except a sincere thanks. From the beginning, Gregg presented a professional and stern manner. Throughout the years at VMI however, Gregg has become one of the very few who was a real friend to us. He proved this time and again when we had problems, and he was willing to listen to them. Gregg will always be remembered by his Brother Rats because of this sincere concern. Gregg, we wish you a warm "good luck", and hope life is good to you.

Dykes: '73 Robert Schiaccitano
'79 John Arthur
'79 Rocky Titus

John Preston Johnson

"J.P."
Hammonton, New Jersey
Civil Engineering — Engineers

Dean's List; Academically Distinguished; DMS; Cpl., Mst. Sgt., Cpt. — 1st Battalion Commander; Rat Company Commander 2; Rifle Team 4, 3, 2; ASCE; Rat Training CIC 1; Firefighters 3, 2, 1; Firefighter S-1; Young Republicans 4; Graduate of the Fort Bragg RECONDO Course; Blue Ridge Parkway Motorized Assault Force.

Any group of individuals trying to accomplish a task, is fortunate if it possesses a few very dependable, quiet achievers. In the case of the class of '76, we have been fortunate to have John. Never one to draw a great deal of attention, John seems to be the one who has always been given difficult jobs, which he somehow accomplishes successfully. Whatever field John moves on to, he will take with him the respect and admiration of his Brother Rats. We who know him, realize that we have had a man of exceptional conscience and character working with us. Yet, John will deny all this. He will just say as usual, "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." And then, John will, as always, do the best job he can, as he honestly believes it needs to be done.

Dykes: '73 Joe Duffy
'79 Dirk Cox
Ahmed Khandan

Thomas Duff Joseph

"Duff, Buff, Buffhead, THE HEAD, THE MAIN HEAD"
Civil Engineering — Corps of Engineers

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; SAME 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Basketball 4, 3, 2, 1, Head Manager 3, 2, 1.

Duff came to VMI in hopes of getting a CE degree and maybe going into Pro Basketball. What would a CE be doing in Pro Basketball? What else? Being a manager! During his stay at VMI Duff put up with all the headaches of being manager of the VMI Cagers and proved to be really good at it. No one puts up with headaches better than Duff.

He was a good manager, a good roommate, and a really "strack" Keydet. So was Mel Brooks! Anyway, Duff will no doubt be a great success someday and when the Duff Joseph Field House is built for VMI in 1984, we'll know who did it.

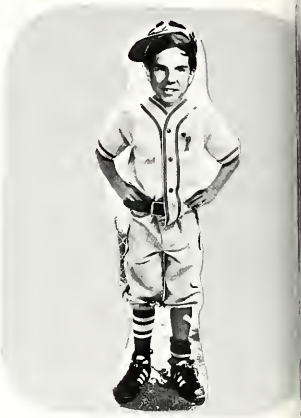
Dykes: '73: Bob Marks
'79: Joe Turbville
Marvin Miller

James G. Joustra, Jr.
"Jim, Jimmy"
Lockport, New York
Biology — Air Force

Football 4, 2; Young Republicans 4; Scuba club 4; AFROTC Dining-In Committee 3, 2 (Chairman); Arnold Air Society 3, 2, 1; Karate Club 2, 1; English Speaking Union 4; VMI Greys Equestrian Team 4, 3, 2; The New York–New Jersey Club 2, 1.

August 1972; the place — VMI; enter our big tall handsome stud from New York (state, not city) ready to keep the South from rising again. He learned quickly that Southerners fight dirty; germ warfare (he got Mono) and they're unsportsmanlike (he got a concussion in football). Undaunted, our hero rose again, only to run headlong into the serrated zirconium steel shaft of the VMI Biology Department. For a time it seemed that all there was to comfort this battered Union Vet. was his horses and a procession of women, any one of which a smart Keydet would have traded his Ac. stars for a date with. Even though a wrist broken in football practice and the determined efforts of Dr. White's crew combined to keep the Man from much deserved fame on the gridiron 2nd class year, his great battle sweetened considerably with Ring Figure 76' and the addition of a certain Lisa, who will someday undoubtedly become a more permanent addition. Big Jim, the fight isn't over yet, but it's the fighting that goes down in the Big Book, not the winning or losing. I've never known a man like you to do anything but win, anyway. Good luck to a true friend and B.R.

Class of 73 dyke: William F. Flood
Class of 79 dykes: Bahrum Zahir Nejad and Jeff Goldhardt



Steven Michael Joyce
"Steve" "Tread-head"
San Francisco, California
History — Armor

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Bomb Staff 4, 2, 1; 4th Class Editor 1; Militaria Society 4, 2, 1; Tanker Platoon 2, 1; Scouter's Club 2, 1; Young Republicans 4; Zoo Crew 4, 3, 2, 1; Head of Progressive Music Department 2, 1; Struggling Student 3.

Steve came to VMI hoping to teach it a little "Fort Knoxian" attitudes, only to find that VMI is unchanging. Despite this, Steve still retains his "Fort Knoxian" sense of humor and friendliness. He always enjoyed making people laugh, even at his own expense. He was always willing to swap bawdy stories, listen to problems, and especially to give advice. His love for good music is unrivaled, and he always gloried in having "rare" records by groups no one heard of; and of course we can't forget HIS tanks! Was there anyone better suited for Armor than the "Tread-head"? Well, upon graduation, he'll trek back to Fort Knox, and then who knows, the next Rommel?

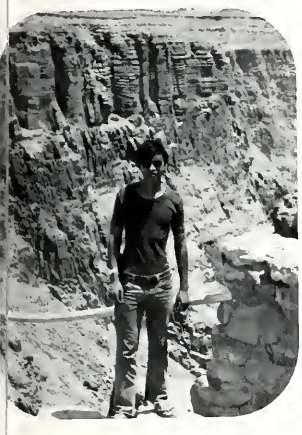
Dykes: '73 Malon Updike
'79 Bob Arnold
Jeff Vordermark

William Gale Karnes
"Billy, Jaws, Lockjaw"
Culpeper, Virginia
History, Infantry

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Wrestling 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram club 2, 1; Baptist Student Union 4, 3, 2 Vice President, 1 President; Sport Parachute Club 3; Ghetto 2, 1; Rat Battalion Commander 1; President of ROC 1; VMI-Longwood Club 4, 3, 2, 1.

I first met Billy three years ago in room 427 and thought for sure he was from a foreign country. After several days though, I was able to decipher his mumbling (caused by the unique structure of his jaw) and realized there were few thoughts between his ears. A girl named Susie, wrestling (a sport, which I felt, most certainly fitted his physique and mentality), history, and religion. Oh me! Our third class year resulted in much the same as our rat year. He still mumbled, thought about Susie, and thoroughly enjoyed watching me get in trouble. Our second and first class years brought new roommates for Billy, a girl named Susie, wrestling, history, and religion. For me, more trouble. Now as the last two from 427 and still privates, Billy is the New Cadet Batallion Commander and I'm still on confinement. In closing I must say I have never accused Lockjaw of making an intelligent statement, nor is he my Brother Rat. He is far more than that, he is a sincere friend. I wish him the best of luck in the Army, but as I told him today, neither one of us know a damn thing we've "learned" in M.S.

Dykes: '73 Boot McNeely
Dave Northcraft
'79 Kirk Latsha
Pete Underwood



M.L. Prasobchai Kasemsant

"Yai, Chai, K, . . ."
Bangkok, Thailand
Civil Engineering — Infantry

A.S.C.E.; Intramural Run For Your Life; Soccer; Bridge; International Club.

Yai came to V.M.I. on a Royal Thai Army Scholarship to become a Math-Major; However, he bent the rules and sneaking through the army directives, to become a notably outstanding "Civil Engineer". During his rat year, he was known to his "Brothers Rats" as a "pool-shark" and as a "brain-guy". Though his impressive personality earned him a corporal-rank when he was a Third, he has a strange philosophy that led him to be less interested in rankership. Yai was attracted to V.M.I.'s gorgeous campus so much that you can hardly tear him away from V.M.I. That is why you can find him every weekend travelling out of Lexington. Although he became spacey during his first class year because of girls, he is able to pull out of here in three years. Yai knows the real values of V.M.I. and he will always be a class of 1977 B.R. He may be proud of his accomplishments here but these are little compared to what the future will bring for him. Best of Luck, Yai.

Dyke: '74: Donald Edward Sharpe

Scott Herbert Kasler

"Cass"
Niles, Michigan
Biology — Air Force

Pvt. 1, 2, 3, 4; Dean's List 1, 2, 3, 4; Academically distinguished 1, 2, 3, 4; AFROTC scholarship; Young Republicans; Religious Council; Pre-Medical Society; WLUR-FM Radio Club; Arnold Air Society; WA4CO; Amateur Radio Club; Pep Band; Timmons Society; Caving and Mountaineering Club; bugler, ROA member; a "Tweet" member of Band Company; 3rd Class ROTC Award for excellence in the study of military history; 50 miles RFYL certificate twice.

You're right Gary ('72):

"What is the end of study?
let me know. Why that to know
which else we should not know.

— William Shakespeare

in other words

"The informed soldier fights best"

United States Army
Army Orientation Booklets

Dykes: Class of 1973: Steve "Ranger" Chadivivch
Class of 1979: Daniel Richardson
Vince Forgione

Charles M. Keen III

"Charlie, Lyin' Boy"
Chester, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Engineers

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Wrestling 4; Sport Parachute Club 4, 3; S.A.M.E. 2, 1; A.S.C.E. 3, 2, 1; Pervert Corner 2, 1; Distinguished Special Student Club; 114 Weekend Club.

Fire Mission: Range 114 meters, Elevation 452, Deflection, 4 years. Commence fire, fire for effect. Splash. Cease fire, target destroyed — direct hit on Lyin' Boy. "Hey who let the snakes in here?". Thus has been Charlie's story of his years at the "I". However he has not let it stop him from doing the more important things in life, carrying steel, sailing hobies cats, and lots of long hours in NEB. He has worked harder than most, and his Dad and MAK have a lot to be proud of. AO'B and I would not have had as many laughs or as much fun if it had not been for a roomy like good Ol' Charlie. Huh, what did do ya say?

Dykes: Class of 1973 Tim Gundlach
Class of 1979 David Jeter, Tom Herbert

Richard Kelly Keith

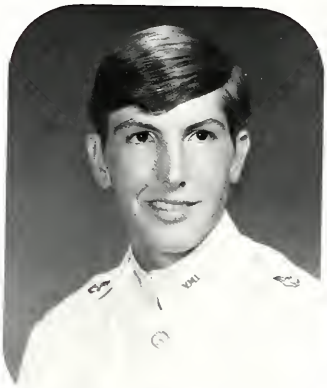
"Richard"
Montgomery, Alabama
Biology — Field Artillery

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Young Republicans 4, 3; Riding Team 4; Karate club 3, 2; Pre-Med Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Firefighters 1; '74 Recondo Club; Green Hulk Taxi Service; Ghetto; "Gladiators".

What can one say about a guy who left the American College of Switzerland only to decide upon VMI. Realization that skiing was not of primary importance, and what used to be a way of life was now a boneable offense proved, to be quite a shock. Conduct probation, numerous trips to Sem. and Madison, and an incident on I-81 all seemed to highlight a third class year. But Richard only allowed this period to set the stage for Ring-Figure, a renewed interest in "The 400 Club", and his appearance as master of the "Green Hulk Wagon" which was to prove a most successful competitor in the "Every Other Saturday Night Road Rally Club".

Not having obtained all the goals desired, Richard returned this year as a first class private, specially recognized by the "Wizard" for conduct, and specially recognizing Sem. due to an exceptionally beautiful reason, Cheryl. But now with the end almost in sight, a future at the University of Alabama, indeed your future looks bright. Best of luck Brother Rat in each and every endeavor.

Dykes: '73 Dave Northcraft
'79 Tom Burch
Pat Stack



Robert J. Keneally

"Bumpkin, Del Manly, Charlie Six, Kyke"
Summerville, South Carolina
English, Air Force

Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Cpt. 1; Honor Court Member 1; OGA member; Handball Champion 2; Literary Magazine 3; S-5 Staff 3, 2; Boxing and Wrestling assistant teacher 1; English Society 3; Wrecking Crew 2, 1; Lexington FOUR 2; Member of the Sardine-Cheese Diners Club.

VMI is a fine institution renowned for producing a unique individual. Such is the case with our beloved Bumpkin. The Man came rolling through the arch on that fateful day in 1972 armed with the blessings of a fine family, high hopes and ambitions, a hunger to succeed, and a reservior of general studiness. However, semester 1 taught Bob that to survive, he would have to channel his reservior, VMI style. Never one to stay down in any battle, Bob, with coaching from his legendary dyke, but mostly through his own initiative, bounced back from the hammer blows of the English department. The momentum gained from that first year has carried him through obstacles that would have felled a lesser man, and saw him on top, a man who would accept nothing less than first in anything. Cadet Captain, Honor Court, OGA member, the list is long that typifies the respect and dedication he has earned from the finest Corps in the country. Don't wish him luck; he doesn't need it — this man makes his own. From me, he has earned the love of a brother. May God bless you all of your life, Koumbata.

Dykes: 73 Roland J. Tiso
79 Chappy Lucas
Reza Zeinali

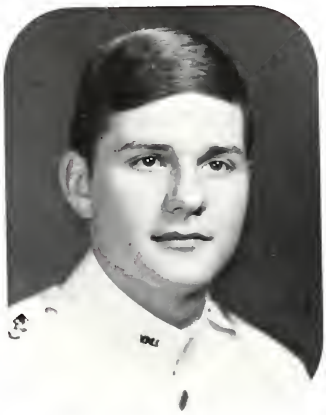
Joseph Patrick Kennedy

"J.P."
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania
Modern Languages — Armor

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Caving and Mountaineering Club 4; Young Republicans 4; Funky Dudes 2, 1; Cadet Waiter; Free Bird.

What can you say about a guy you lived with your rat and first class years. A guy that never studies and is still able to maintain above a 3.0 average. A guy that is able to accumulate an average of zero demerits and is still able to run around with the best of us on conduct pro. To those of us who know him the words J.P. conjure up a slow moving guy rambling around the stoops or watching TV who would only look up the third or fourth time one called him. I always found myself wondering how someone could go through here without being on confinement or serving PT's and I guess I'll have to keep wondering because if he can make it through here as spotless as he has he'll be a sure success when he leaves VMI. We know Jay will always strive to climb higher towards the road of ultimate success and we wish you the best of luck in the future.

Dykes: '73 Jack Beadle
'79 Jim "Phantom" Pouzar



Robert James Kern
"Rex"
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Modern Languages, Air Force

Pvt., Pvt., Sgt., Lt.: Editor-in-Chief, VMI CADET; Honorary Junior Member RDA; Posit Committee; Publications Board; Sounding Brass; Alliance Francaise; S-5 Staff; Rat Training; Fire Fighters; College Republicans; Scuba Club; BSU; Rat Cheerleaders; Varsity Track; '75 Super Bowl Celebrators; Barracks Rep. — Iron City Beer; Epic Truck.

Four years ago the city of the infamous Steelers and Iron City Beer let loose on the Shenandoah Valley one of its most prized people. Finishing the first year of hard times in the Ghetto on the 4th stoop, Rex was determined he would no longer pursue his cadetship as an English major, thus he was homeward bound back to beer and women at a normal college — W&J.

Like they say, "once a cadet, always a cadet," that was Rex. He returned second semester third class year on three months confinement. That didn't stop Kern at all. Coming back second class year his life was viewed through a brighter spectrum — a class ring, rank in the Corps, and best of all, Susan. Still being the determined individual he generally is Rex came back this year not only as a ranker but as Editor of the VMI CADET where by some mysterious circumstance Iron City Beer ads appeared on the scene.

With these four trying years behind old Kern, one can only wonder where he will go? Wherever it be we sure hope Susan and a case of Iron will always be on hand. Take care BR and good luck!

Dyke, Class of 73: Tim McConnell
Dyke, Class of 79: Gary Hammond, Tim Cordle

Alan Bryant Kinker
"Kinky", "Pollock"
Mechanicsville, Virginia
Civil Engineering — USMC

College Republicans 4; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Firefighters 3; Ranger Platoon 3, 2; Cadre 7S; Pvt.; Cpl.; Sgt.

Al came in a jarhead with the disease of Marine-itous. Yes sir, who else would strain while talking to the Skull. There is a gentle side of Al which only one really knows, she has tamed this Marine for which she has plans of her own. With Amy's help he will certainly lose the bet. NAJ. Al Kinker is for real. I know, I've roomed with him for 3 years. He is a real "Southerner" (Al, all northerners aren't Yankee invaders.) a real lover (Amy is the Mean Marine really a pussy-cat, guess it all depends on the girl) a real friend (how come you always borrow my skivies? Do I really owe you 30 dollars?) and finally a real Brother Rat. Thanks Al. IAF

Dykes: '73: Steve Lane
'79: Gleb Taran, Parke Smith

John B. Kirk
"JB, John Boy, Chipmunk"
Troy, Alabama
Civil Engineering — Corps of Engineers

Pep Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Director 2, 1; Baseball Manager 4, 3; Airborne Plt. 3; Airborne; Ranger Plt. 2, 1; Timmon's Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Young Republicans 4; Ring Design Committee 2; Ghetto 2, 1; WCI 4, 3, 2, 1.

There's something about that Alabamian that has made many a person stand up and take notice. Who would not be pleasantly surprised to know our Airborne Pep Band leader is going to finally settle down!? Even though you never really filled up your blouse JB you, more than most, knew the correct SOP of attempting to (ie Johnny's, Paramount, Red Front, College Inn, etc . . .)

But along with building up your tolerance you have built a strong and lasting friendship with all of us (sorry Wanda). Your future seems secure and to that we all wish you luck. Our paths have crossed for a brief four years and it is us who have been privileged to know you. God Bless you Brother Rat and, of course, the South will rise again!

Dykes: '73: Dean Smith
'79: John Kailey
Jay Thompson

Gary Lloyd Knight
"KNIIIIIIIIEEET !!! Incognito Knight"
Beecher, Illinois
History — Armor

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Student Grotto 4, 3; Rangers 3, 2, 1; BSR Vice Commander 2; Sport Parachute Club 4, 3, 2, 1; S-5 Staff 2, 1; Air Borne; DMS; Militaria Society 4, 3, 2, 1.

"You can't win them all, but you can loose every one!"
Kniiiiieet!!! came to VMI by way of Piedmont. How else would you expect Gary to begin his cadetship? Gary started his rat year in style, receiving 3 specials in one day with numerous others to follow. Due to his immense popularity, Knight made 7 trips to the RDC. To end his rat year, Knight boycotted the signing of the confinement sheet and chalked up 40 demerits during finals. This enabled Gary to begin his 3rd class year on Conduct Pro. Knight spent his 2nd class year in the BSR socializing with Bears and BSR Commandos. At Ranger School Incognito Knight received several negative spot reports due to being overly tactful. From here, Incognito Knight began his 1st class year being watched, and watched, . . . and watched. No matter how hard Gary tries to blend in, for better or worse, he will always stand out and be overly conspicuous.

Dykes: '73: Jim Davidson
'79: Phil Southers
Joe Simas

Andre Stephen Koneczny
"Dray"
Vienna, Virginia
Economics — Army Armor

Pvt., 4, 3, 2, 1; P.F.T., 2, Sir Edmund Hillery Club; Ghetto; Golf 4, 3, 1; Bomb 4, 3; Cheerleader 4, 3; Monogram Club; PVC; Gladiators; 342 Gambling Club; 142 Numbers Racket.

As a rule, a change in atmosphere causes a change in one's attitudes. Four years in The Valley has not caused Andre to Change his. He came to us from the country club life and after V.M.I., he will return to the social scene at the Links! There is always an exception to the rule and Andre won't let a small obstacle like the "I" change his goal in life, just enhance it.

Dykes '73 John Sykes
'79 Ray "Space" Denk
Steve White

Ares George Koumis
"Greek", "Jersey Hitman", "Nukem"
Bergenfield, New Jersey
History — Air Force, Missiles

Pvt., Deans List; AFROTC Scholarship; Missileman; Rifle Team 4, 3, 2, 1; Captain 1; Varsity Letter; Rifle; Monogram Club; AAS 2; Caving and Mountaineering 4; S-5 Staff 2; New York-New Jersey Club 2, 1; La Cosa Nostra 4, 3, 2, 1; Blue Ridge Parkway Assault Force; Member, Sardine and Cheese Diners Club.

Mysterious, esoteric, cryptical, Bizarre — are these the words that define our brother rat Ares Koumis? Just because Ares wears a black turtle-neck sweater with black pants and boots while home on furlough, or plays Mafia Hitman on the Palisaden Cliffs doesn't mean that he is a little esoteric or bizarre. And just because he has a tremendous fetish for firemans, devours sardines like candy, and reads H.P. Lovecraft instead of Penthouse doesn't mean that he is different than any other All-American boy, does it?

As a former roommate, I can seriously state, though, that his extreme generosity, concern for anothers problems, and continuous joking were always appreciated. Ares comes from an extremely fine family with proud traditions. It is this proud background and the many advantageous experiences gained here at the Institute that will produce a very happy and successful life for Ares. Good luck, Brother Rat.

Why VMI?
"Better to Reign in Hell, than Serve in Heaven."
John Milton

Dykes: E. Schwarz '79
J. Faist

William Ronald Lagrone
"Bone", "Ron"
Daleville, Alabama
Chemistry — Infantry

pl, 1st Sgt., Delta Company Commander; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; M.S.; Academically Distinguished 3, 2; American Chemical ociety 3, 2, 1; Fire Fighters 3, 2, 1; S.P.S. 1; History Dropout; hite's Under Confinement Club; Recondo; Week End ammers and Crammers.

"In a clearing stands a boxer and a fighter by his trade And e carries the reminders of every glove that laid him down or ut him til he cried out in his anger and his shame 'I am leaving, am leaving, I am leaving' but the fighter still remains."
Paul Simon.

ykes: '73 — Jerry Brown
'79 — Mike Murry
Rick Pugh

John Zachary Laliberte
"Zack"
Chemistry — Field Artillery

Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Battery 4, 3; XO-2; BC-1; Bomb Staff 4, 3, 2, 1; CWRT 4, 3, 1; The Dean's Other List; Armed Forces Club 4; English Speaking Union 1.

"A human being should be able to change a diaper, plan an invasion, butcher a hog, conn a ship, design a building, write a sonnet, balance accounts, build a wall, set a bone, comfort the dying, take orders, give orders, cooperate, act alone, solve equations, analyze a new problem, pitch manure, program a computer, cook a tasty meal, fight efficiently, die gallantly. Specialization is for insects."
Robert A. Heinlein

Dykes: 73 — Willie Wells
79 — John Vaughn, Gary Mill

Paige Lewis LaPrade Jr.
"Sam"
English — Air Force

a searcher —
a finder —
a cross between a millionaire
and a miner

a loser —
a winner —
a prophet but more often
a sinner

And it's there instead —
Somewhere in your head
The rules are defied —

And you hide
Canyon eyed
inside
a dream

"Oh friend of mine, don't be denied,"
Don't ever be denied!
Thanks to my cheerleaders —
Mom, Dad, and Family.

Dykes: '73: Chuck Peters
'79: Bill Smithson

Gerardo Latoni

Jerry — Tito — Titerre — Hollywood
Mad Dog, Mohawk, Little Red Light, El Negro
Guaynabo, Puerto Rico
Chemistry — Infantry

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; All Pro 3, 2; Wrestling 4; Boxing 3; Karate 3, 2; Pinball Wizard 4, 3, 2, 1; Run For Your Life 3; Penalty Tours 4, 3, 2, 1; Ten Most Wanted 4, 3, 2, 1.

A southerly wind brought Tito Latoni into the Virginia Military Institute with a mischievous smirk on his face. Four years and one haircut later that smirk still exists!! To those who never knew Tito a warmess soon developed, but to those of us who tried to understand him, a new personality developed; one of a brother. Not much can be said in passing because we know Tito will always be there; willing to share both the good and the bad times with us. There were many of each and there will be many more to come. So Tito until we shortly meet again, gracious mi hermano precioso ye chow negro.

Dyke '73 Cummings, W.C.
Dyke '79 Alipanah, D.G.

Michael Edward Linaberry

"Lionel", "Linus", "Linseed" "Linny"
Woodbridge, Virginia
Chemistry — Air Force

Pvt. 4; Pvt. 3; Pseudo-Sgt. 2; Band Company Guidon 1; Academically Distinguished; Man-in-the-Middle; Pep Band; Brass Ensemble; Caving and Mountaineering Club; Timmins Society; American Chemical Society; Secretary-Treasurer, President; Wedgie Committee; Physics Honor Society; VMI Cadet cartoonist; zoo crew; Firefighters.

Who cares about the "man-in-the-middle"? Well, his roommates for one. "Lionel" (so named for his nighttime non-stoppers) came to the Big Red to study chemistry, play baseball and develop his character. Well, one-for-three isn't too bad. Mike's relationship witnessed his countless affairs of the heart with anything in a shirt. But Mike was never unfaithful, either to Dolores or his roommates. Isn't that right, Lee? Quickly aroused (how about those nipples?) Mike was a hard guy to say no to. Maybe thats why the Air Force dropped him to a navigator. It's a shame the Air Force won't allow him to wear that marvelous beard, oh, by the way Mike, you've got some milk under your lip.

Dykes, Class of '72: Thomas Belton
Dykes, Class of '79: Council Rudolph

Scott Lloyd

"Lusty"

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Young Republicans; B.S.U., BOMB 4, 3; Rugby 4, 3, 2, 1; Match Secretary; Captain Rugby team; the CADET 2, 1, Advisory Manager 2, Business Manager 1; Tankers 2; Publications Board 1; 3rd. Class Finance Committee; Wrestling 4, Distinguished Military Student, Recondo, Social member Phi Kappa Sigma W&L — U Va.; The Cellar 2, 1; Getto 138.

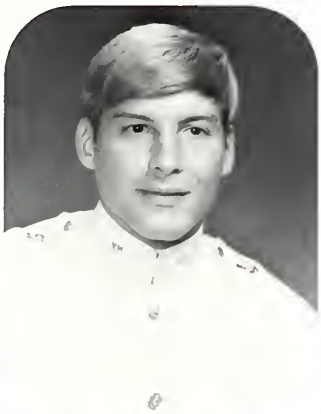
Upon his first visit to the Institute which would mark his cadetship in the spring of '72. Lusty entered the Institute with the visions of college life only to be disillusioned as he learned the sins of strong drink and late and dark trips to the R.D.C. (Why wasn't there a penalty?).

Lusty endured these hardships only to find more as a third as the Institute did not take kindly to thirds who kept cards and gambled. It was that we almost lost this man as he searched for another school to further his education, but due to a sweet young thing from Georgia, Scott decided to stay within the walls of "mother I".

Our second class year saw a new changed man as his new roommate helped control this wild man. This new image did not last long as Scott was the second person and still holder of the "Brown Derby" — the Getto's most coveted award for his great dates from Harrisonburg for the America Concert. This was also the year for Ring Figure at which Scott and Wayne had the night of their life.

It would be impossible to describe Scott in this small space but there are some terms which hold special meaning: The Cellar, Juicy, Afton Mountain Drivers, Red Wine, Georgia Peach, Rugby, and Mom and the Doctor. Good luck to a truly great friend from the 'burg.

Dykes: '79. "Reggie" J.M. Sadler
Mark Day
Wadds Buggs
Buzzy Northen



James Allison Lofton
"Jimmy" "Lady Killer" "Don Juan"
Opelika, Alabama
Modern Language —

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Dean's List; Academically Distinguished; Varsity Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Track 4; Monogram Club; FCA; Chairman Posit Committee; Sports Editor, Bomb; Who's Who in American Colleges & universities.

Jimmy's life expectancy here at VMI was shortened considerably when he moved in with Mac, Jerry, Mark and Spence. Under the leadership of The "Jersey Devil", Jimmy perfected the art of milk carton throwing and became a marksman with the dreaded war machine. Together with Big Mac, The Argentine Bull, Spiderman, The Illinois Kid, Enrico, The Stick, Fast Eddie, and Thomas. Times were never dull and good times to special reports were common place. However, the specials eventually took their toll and Jimmy could only watch as he lost a good friend and roommate. The Jersey Devil had left but was not forgotten.

One characteristic that Jimmy possessed was still very much in effect: that being the ability to attract any number of lovely young females by merely striking a smile. If there is comfort in numbers then Jimmy's (alias Don Juan) girl friends are smothered in comfort.

David Mosby Lowe
"Mad-Dog"
Lynchburg, Virginia
Chemistry — Armor

D.Co.; Pseudo Cpl & Sgt; Cross Country 4; Swimteam 3; Water Polo 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; American Chemical Society; DMS; Weekend Jammer & Crammers.

Stardate: 51576 1st Officer Ryock Reporting Starship 32 has just finished an elusive run-the-block maneuver, but it has cost heavily in choco units. Off in the distance there appears a ship of the Zetathon colony. Their queen, Norvon, known for her lavacious beauty, manages to get Captain Dave to beam over for peace talk. There he is fed on monster cookies and beer till his head is spinning in delirium. He is then imprisoned, but manages to escape when he tricks a young Zetathon into looking at the bumps on his head. With his expert use of mirrors and baby powder he is able to reach Queen Norvon for final negotiations. Evidently they were successful for their last transmission was ". . . my preciousss . . ."

WCR

Dykes: '73 — "Bear" Wyatt, "D.J." Sutherland
'79 — "bat" Zimmer, "Robin" Belanger

Frederick Gregory Lucado, Jr.
Greg, Luck, Kadoo, 2–4, Leke Schamus,
Luckaload, Cockadoo
Roanoke, Virginia
Civil Engineering, Corp Of Engineers

Commanders 1, 2, 3, 4; Leader 1; Cadet Staff 4, 3, 2, S.A.M.E., Tweets, 4, 3, 2, Pep Band 4, 3; Director 3, Brass Ensemble 4, 3, 2, Put., Sgt., Battalion 5–4, Cadre 2, 1, Rum Truckers, Gun Crew, Firefighters.

"I saw that, if there was a wall of stone between me and my townsmen, there was a still more difficult one to climb or break through before they could be as free as I was. I did not for a moment feel confined, and the walls seemed a great waste of stone and mortar. I felt as if I alone had paid my tax."
"Thoreau — "Civil Disobedience"

Thanks to three special people. You know who you are.

Dyke Class of 73 Artie Pendleton
Dykes Class of 79 George Marentic
Dennis Austin

Kurt Patrick Luckenbill

None Printable
Akron, Pennsylvania
Economics — Armor

Wrestling 4, 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; TCFC 3; RDC Secretary 4; Regimental Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Staff Writer 3; Academically Distinguished 3, 2, 1; DMS 1; All American Gomsz Band 2, 1.

Kurt had a choice between VMI and Penn State — but everyone's entitled to one mistake. Never one to take things too seriously, he became a regular at Ed Gibson's After — Taps Club and a favorite of "Boot" McNeely. After his rat year he hung up his water balloons and took to the books; though he was never so intent that he couldn't put in a wargame or a trip to Johnny's. It was that year too, that Cindy put him on a letter a day plan — and the beer mug went on the wall next to his balloons. As a first classman Kurt spends almost as much time on the fifth stoop as he did as a rat, only on the other side of the strain. Congrats and best of luck to Kurt and Cindy.

Dykes: '73 Chris McGreer
'79 Joe Webber

Robert Lake Macks

"Bob" "Bobby" "Colonel"
Yonkers, New York
History — Air Force

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Regimental Band 4; Pep Band 4; Fishing Club-Founder, President 4, 3; VMI Student Grotto 1; Sport Parachute Club 1; RFYL 1; International Relations Club 1; Firefighters 2, 1; Fencing Team 3, 2, 1; Arnold Air Society 1; Cadet Waiters 1; Aviation Nut; Karate Club 4; Room 118+1.

A few words of wisdom will describe our Brother Rat Bob: "To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

Bob's sojourn here at V.M.I. (as with us all) was an experience, academically, militarily, and socially. But how so amiable an individual could face our everyday situation and still find time to crack a lewd joke or perhaps an exaggerated idiosyncracy is beyond us all. Not too many people can accomplish his feat of sleeping (uh . . . resting the eyes) during a Smoky lecture and come out still smelling like a rose! Or are there others? Anyway, he did face many a Tac with courage and steadfastness! (Until the Tac saw him.)

We now write in jest, but verily we also write that Bob has a character that has won him many a true friend and that does mean something. We all rest assured that his honesty and reliability will guarantee him many more in the future. Good luck Bob! Keep your feet on the ground and reach for the stars; they're yours.

Dykes: Class of 1973: Bill Seegert.
Class of 1979: Pete Szabo, Joe Tudor.

James Lawrence Mallon

"Jit Bag, Mellon, Bucksnort"

Cpl., Sgt., M. Sgt., private (Ret.); Varsity Baseball 4, 3 ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Honorary Getto Grubb 3, 2, 1; SEHC 2, 1 Lonely Hearts Club (investigator) 3, 2, 1; Summer School 4, 3, 2, 1.

It's been a long 4 years for good ole "Mellon", (and the rest of us for that fact) but there has been a few good times. (Go ahead, Go ahead)

There's "the cabin", 1114 Franklin St., Madison, Berryville, Delaware and of course 103 Tucker.

Then there was the summer of '74. There was plenty of "quickies". And the little yellow Luv had many miles put on it. Jim put in a lot of study in the evenings too. Long after everybody went to bed, Jim would still be up studying by himself.

But, the most exciting time for Jim has to be that Monday morning when he came out for B.R.C. ranks, 6 miles away in B. V.

One thing for sure none of us will ever forget that "buck-toothed-bug-eyed-bitch" from 106.

Bill

Dykes: Class of 1973: none
Class of 1979: none

James Kersey Martin

Jim "The Snake", J.K.
"Fartin Martin the Spartan Tartan"
Richmond, Virginia
Civil Engineering, Army Field Artillery

ASCE, Airborne, Cross Country 4, 3, 2, 1, Team Captain 1, Indoor-Outdoor Varsity Track 4, 3, 2, 1, Varsity Letters Track, Cross country, Recondo, Academic Stars 4, Cpl., Regt. S-4 Sgt., Plt. Leader, Zoo Crew 4, 3, 2, 1. Wedgie Committee 3, Red light District, Confinement Corner 1, DMS.

Jim came to the "I" with the idea that reading Playboy and sleeping was the way to study Rat year. I guess his getting "stars" proved he was right, (too bad it didn't work the next few years). We went through a lot of roommates in our four years. "Man in the Middle" and Jim get along great our 1st. Class year as long as there was some "Ben — Gay" on hand after taps. "Snake" got few letters and had even fewer dates, but he managed to get a date for Ring Figure, (in a rather sneaky way). Remember our "wild" room parties at the end of the year and our fine grain party Rat year, (I'll never drink again!). Well Jim, Good Luck Old Buddy! You'll need it with "B.L.T." Hiner.

"AIRBORNE!"

Dykes: '73 Will Cumming

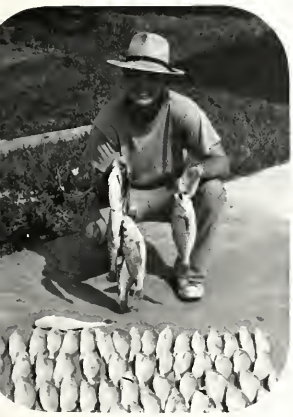
Michael Joseph Martino

Mario Andretti, Al, DW, and other ethnic slurs!.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
History — United States Marine Corps

Rat Football; Wrestling; Monogram Club; Pvt; Cpl; Sgt; 2nd Lt; Wrecking Crew.

Four short years ago, I left the smokey hills of Pa. to this mecca in the Shenandoah. Still having visions of being in Middy Blue and living in the Canoe House on the Severn, I quickly changed my thoughts to the tune of cadet grey. That infamous night of August 24th will live in my mind for eternity. Especially those guys that I met that night, most of all that little guy with the glasses. Since that night I have never regretted coming to this VMI and I'll forever be in its debt. I have learned more in four years here than some people will learn in a lifetime. Though I have had my trials of cadet life and the hardships of a Victorian Age, I just never say die! To Steve Rag, C.G., and Simmy, I owe you alot. Just think of the times we would have had at a civvie school. I want to say thanks to the Simpsons, but most of all, thank you Mom and Dad for all you have done.

Dykes: Class of '73; Michael Holleran
'79; Skip Briggs
Al Sortis



Richard Thomas Mathews

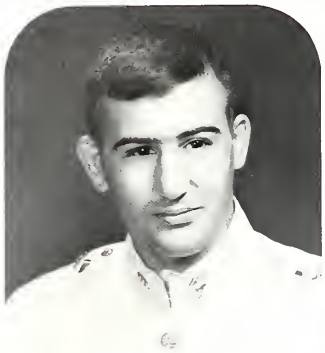
"Rich" "Matty" "Marty"
Carrollton, Virginia
Civil Engineering; Army Branch Engineer

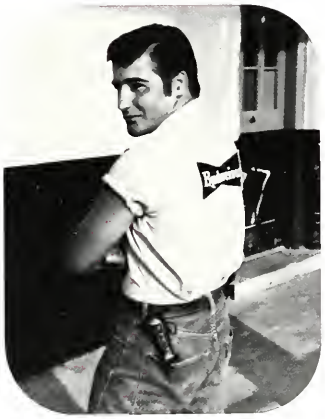
A.S.C.E. 4, 3, 2, 1; S.A.M.E. 2, 1; Rugby 4, 3, 2, (captain) 1; Varsity Rifle Team 4; Getto Grubs 2, 1; Student Grotto 4, 3; Sir Edmond Hilary Club 2, 1; "Lonely Hearts Club" (Instigator) 2, 1; Summer School Club 4, 3, 2, 1.

The years have been many and the hardships more, but good times are remembered like the many climbing trips across the eternal treadmill and getting three months for moving in ranks.
Maybe though, my present thoughts can best be presented by Cat Stevens:

"Now I've been happy lately,
thinking about the good things to come
and I believe it could be
something good has begun
Oh, I've been smiling lately
dreaming about the world as one
and I believe it could be
someday it's going to come . . ."
Peacetrain
Cat Stevens

Dyke: 1973 Darrel Rickmond
Dykes: 1979 Rick Rendon
Bill Bersson





John Joseph McAteer III
"The Fleetwood" "Fleet" "Jack" "Mac"
Lower Arlington, Virginia,
Civil Engineering, USMC

Pvt.-Reg. Ops. Sgt.-Reg. Ops. Capt.; Aggressors 4, 3, 2; Armed Services Club 4; ASCE 4, 3, 2; Cross Country 4; Paramount Inn 4, 3, 2; ROA 2; Wrestling 4, 3.

From the "Aces-of-Spades" to Parris Island, this Marine was already mean when he hit this Hole straight from Quantico in August 1973. From his first GP, as it always came to be, he was in one Honkytonk beerjoint after another, finally becoming King of the P.I. — where no Keydet ever goes dry. Whether putting Rats on the GIM in the wrestling room or summer schooling to forestall Doom; Fleetwood has fought all over the Valley, including many a back-alley. Who could forget after the TAPS CCQ sticks, when all comers were invited to "Fleetwood". Inhabiting Suites 421, 364, and 164; from Private to Operations Sergeant to Regimental S-3 Captain he did soar. Exemplifying his amazing luck, were his 3rd Class exploits with his pick-up truck. We hope you graduate! Oriental pride and The White Bear.

Dyke: '74 Ken Dennett

John Allen McCarthy
Big Al Uncle Al
Lynchburg, Virginia
History — Aerospace

Pvt. 4, 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Rat football; Rugby; Scuba Club; Skiing Club; Honor Court 2, 1 — Vice-President, 1; Civil War Roundtable, Ghetto dweller 2, 1

An anthology of Allen is a terribly hard thing to write, because in his four years here at the Institute he has gone the full circuit — football player, ranker, lover, fighter, serious student, comedian — they all describe him equally well. Such a wide variety of roles has gained Big Al friends of all types that will be there for life. I think the way most of us will remember Uncle Al is through the times we got a bit crazy — Camptown Races, the gorilla wrestling, the numerous social functions all over the state, the road trips to Hollins and other points of interest, the evenings at Duck's, etc. etc. They were all great times (even if you did try to marry me off during one of them) and I don't think we'll ever forget them. A retired biology major and a graduating history major, Allen leaves VMI an educated man in more ways than one. Good luck Great White Hunter, the word for the day is GOETZE.

Dykes: 73 — Sandy MacNamara
79 — Chip Humphrey
Larry Williams

Henry Carrington McVeigh
"Carrington"
Lynchburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering

Private and Proud; Dean's List; Academically Distinguished; Cadet assistant, A.S.C.E.; S.A.M.E.; Ring Figure Committee; Third Class Finance Committee (76); Hop and Floor MacGregor's Marauders; F Troop; T.V. Club; Publication Board; Business Manager-VMI BOMB; ANN.

Coming from the super city of the South (Lynchburg), Carrington brought with him pictures of Ann and a friendly smile. No obstacle could stop this youngster from success. His GPA climbing boundlessly, his weekends growing annually, and friendship growing exponentially; Carrington had it made. Using weekends like a jockey would a horse, Carrington would blitz off to the one we know as "Annie Pie". That easy going Rat from 420 has risen from his rack to command responsibilities he never imagined. Its BR's like Carrington that are always willing to help and truly loyal friends that make it possible for cadets to say they actually liked it at VMI (sometimes). With stars on his sleeves and Ann on his arm, Carrington will graduate from the "I" leaving behind the "Green Machine", a multitude of friends and four years he will never forget.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence;
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I —
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost

Dykes: Class of '73; Mike Smith
'79; John Brown
Greg Martin

Langhorne Hutter Meem II
Lang
Bluefield, West Virginia

imming Team 4, 3, 2, 1; Swim Team Capt. 1; Monogram ub 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Ghetto 1; Social ember Phi Kappa Sigma W&L.

The first question someone asks when they meet Lang is What in the world is he doing on this side of the parade ound?" Indeed, it's hard to picture him as a citizen soldier in s L.L. Bean water walkers, khakis, and gator shirt (the pun re was intended). VMI has not cramped Lang's style too uch though, as the master of permits, he has managed quite few road trips to UVa, Hollins, Baldwin, and Sweetbriar to nce away the nights with various debutantes of past social asons. It seemed the only thing that could stop him was a rtain door at Phi Kapp or a late stick check. Here at the stitute Lang was usually found in the pool setting a new cord, or checking out the record board to make sure his last cord was still there. It's been fun Lang — "Be Young, Be olish, but Be Happy."

ykes: '73: Ned Wright
'79: Eddie Davis
Wads Bugg
Buzzy Northen
Terry McKnight

William George Meier III
"Bill, Willy, Bucksnort, Mayer"
Clearbrook, Va.

Turkey 3, 2, 1; Chump 2, 1; Cudar Man 4, 3, 2, 1; SEHC 2, 1; Rugby 3, 2, Captain 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Lonely Hearts Club (Instigator) 3, 2, 1; Driver of the Month (Aug '75); Interstate 495 Expert; Toyota Test Drivers Asso. 4, 3, 2, 1.

It's a tribute to Bill's sense of priorities that he could enjoy his "college" life and still graduate as a civil engineer in 4 years. During his free classes Bill would do his next days lessons in lieu of taking P.X. checks.

Although Willy is an accomplished Rugby Star, he spends half the time being carried off the field and put into slings and casts. But these only enhanced his good looks in the eyes of the beguiled females, who fell for his line.

I'm sure, Bill that you won't forget our escapades at Madison, Shenco-Tech, Winchester, Berryville, Wilmington and the Barnes Motel. If there ia a Cuder-Heaven, I'm sure you'll be a disciple. See ya around the campus, Bucksnort.

Dave Leon Miles
"Chip" "Dev" "Mills"
Charles City, Virginia
History — Air Force

Varsity Football 4, 3, 2, 1; J.V. Football 4; J.V. Basketball 4; Monogram Club 4, 3; Secretary to E.C. and G.C.; Promaji ; Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Dave, who is better known as "The Sleeper", knew little about what to expect at the "I", but he soon found out. For "Dev" decided that the best way to reduce frustration is in the rack and that's what he did 'cause I saw him. As the four years passed by, Dave's good times were outnumbered by the bad times as trips to Lynchburg and good deeds in church turned out to be flukes. However, the latter part of Chip's days were very favorable as his football performance gave him the title of "The Profile of Deacon Miles." Also, Dave finds a treasure chest of fun and adventure in the Heart of his ace female companion and true love, Terry Ann.

Mark Dalton Moncure

"Mono"
Alexandria, Virginia
History, Air Force

Pvt. 4, 3; Sgt. 2; Pvt. 1; Amoeba Patrol 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 2; V's ??; Who's Nobody; Number 7 Club.

Mark came to VMI following a long line of Moncures and has added pride to his family tradition. His four years here have been highlighted with many "honors" the first of which was a #4 penalty at the end of his Rat year. That set the scene for his third class year as we shared the thrills of being on confinement together. Mark spent that year as a private, but little did we know he was secretly making plans to become a Sergeant. His plans came true as he became Bad A· Moncure our second class year. Somewhere during this time the ameoba was born which tended to occupy much of Mark's time. His love life can be summed up in one word — Nancy. Hi, Nancy! Mark has always been a Brother Rat, and has added something extra to my 4 years at VMI that I'll always cherish. Catch you later, BR!

Dykes: '73: Bobby Crotty
'79: Fred Baily
Ed Petterson

Withers Walker Moncure Jr.

Buzzy Budwaller
Stafford, Virginia
History — Field Artillery

Rat Football; Rugby 3, 2, 1; Hop'n Floor 3, 2, Vice President 1; Cellar Crew; Super Summer '75; Ring Figure Magazine Staff; Ghetto 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1.

Buzzy Moncure came to VMI after intensive military training at Massanutten Academy. He had high expectations of both being a ranker, and a VMI Football star, but being his normal congenial self, he gave up both for the sake of his brother rats in the infamous Ghetto.

Buzzy has always been a strong supporter of the Ghetto System. In that he has a very acute taste for good women, strong drink, and wild parties. He can always be found at a social gathering with that distinct "look" about him. The "look" orginated at the Camptown Races where Buzzy's bandaged feet and the Ghetto were well represented.

Buzzy, the founder of the Brown Derby award, as well as the first recipient, was presented this award for looking out for his brother rats when they were placed under the temptations of Madison College saw them to safety.

Buzzy has always been the true brother rat whom I have the utmost respect and he is the best damn friend anybody could ask for.

Dykes: '73: Don Caldwell
'79: John Airis
"Little Mae" Meredith
Mark Powell

Thomas Clark Moody Jr.

"Huh" "Moodi" "Space"
Richmond, Va.
Math B.S., Army Field Artillery

Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, 2nd.Lt. 1, Dean's List 4, 3, 2; J V Basketball 3; Rugby 4, 3, 2, 1, Rugby Tres 1; Eternal TV Room Watch Commander.

Well, it's over! If I had to do it over again I wouldn't. The friendships which I have acquired here at V.M.I. will always be my first thoughts when thinking back. It has been an experience. Thanks Kim, for helping me through. Let's hope we never have to go through something like this again.

Dyke J. Walker '73
C. Sachs '79
S. Lyon '79

Ronnie Lewis Moore

Newport News, Virgima
Mo, Flea Moore, Buck, Buford
Civil Engineering — Corps of Engineers

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2; Track 1, 3; ASCE 1, 2, 3, 4; Who's Who 4; All American; All S.C.; Leonard's Losers; All Skin Bracer Team; Heny Fairfax Ayres MUP Award; Promaji.

We know him as the "All-American Mo." What do you expect? After all, he's only a midget. Many know of him because of his smile — a continuous "cheese" 'til the end of his days. Ronnie always manages to keep everyone on his toes — especially "Dev, T.A. and D." He's a First Class practical joker which has no limit. (He puts on his "iso" skin bracer every morning to keep his speed-burning, 4.3:40 yard dash, all-purpose batteries recharged so that he can get where he wants to go before he gets there.) Ronnie is popular with everyone he meets however he saves his best "popularity charm" for Loretta. Mo's success will go a long way, but "Beware of Snakes." He might break his own record in the 40.

Dykes — Tom Napier '73
Malcolm Grimes '79
Eddie Semler '79

John Roland Mott Jr.

"J.R." "Hoople"
Holm, Del.

pvt. 4, cpl. 3, sgt. 2, lt. 1, Tanker Platoon, Airborne, Rat Training, Fire Fighters, Wrestling team, Civil War Roundtable — President 3, 2, 1, NY-NJ Club — President 3, 2, Secretary, RDC, Caving and Mt. Club, Who's Who in the Zoo.

J.R. entered the Institute with a love for nature, women, and a good meal. So why did he come here anyway? He claims it was his love for military history and the anticipation of living in the Shenandoah Valley. He never did justice to military history, and the valley is as much a mystery as ever. Perhaps the call of the women's colleges was this epic hero's fatal flaw.

Never has a cadet been so thankful for the friends he has had at the "I". After losing four roommates to attrition, he finally gained the distinction of joining up with Bill Bhatta and Cliff Tuday. Frequently rowdy as individuals, the trio combined forces to create utter chaos in barracks.

Finally, two great parents have been this cadet's motivation for reaching success. With good memories and ambition to burn, he drives on to a new assignment.

Theodore Paul Mouras

Teddy Bear The Greek The Blade
Lyons, Colorado
History, Biology — Infantry

DMS; Pvt., Sgt., 2nd Lt.; Ranger Platoon; Civil War Roundtable; Firefighters; Cave and Mountaineering Club; AUSA, Vice-President; Chuck Rocks Gang.

Ted's qualities are many, his achievements impressive, his wit quick, his intelligence obvious, and his ability of self-control overwhelming. Ted has been successful in all endeavors that he has set before himself and this trend is surely to continue throughout his life. Words such as fail, can't, and defeat are foreign in his vocabulary. His perceptive qualities are outstanding and allows him the ability to understand and forgive more than his care free attitude would suggest. Ted came to VMI with the desire to do well and obtain a commission. But he has never left behind his love for the outdoors. His love for the mountains of Colorado can only be matched by his love of country and devotion to honor and duty. As he leaves VMI, we will hear a real trooper whisper from the distance, "the doves have flown."

Dykes: '73: Geoffery Straughn
'79: Bob Sievert
Earl Pilker

Wesley Grigg Mullen, Jr.
"Grigg", "Muffin", "Igor"
Raleigh, N.C.
Civil Engineering, Corps of Engineers

Pvt., Cpl., Sgt., Lt., Dean's List; Academically Distinguished; Rugby 4; Wrestling 4, 3, 2, 1; BOMB Staff, Activities Editor 2, Managing Editor 1; Publications Board 1; A.S.C.E. 4, 3, 2, Editor A.S.C.E. Annual Report 1; Concrete Canoe Race 3, 2, 1; American Consulting Engineers Council Scholarship 1; S.A.M.E. 1; English Speaking Union 2, 1; Student Grotto 4, 2, 1; D.M.S.; Rat Tutor 3, 2; Who's Who; A.T.B.C.; Taylor Slate Admiration Society

Grigg came to V.M.I. in August of '72 with three strikes against him. He was a North Carolinian born in New York, he was an easy going, friendly, and trusting individual, and he was fourth generation V.M.I.!!!! Why did he stay? How did he do? . . . Grigg "engineered" a cadetship that few have ever been able to match or ever will. He had the best academic record that anyone could hope for, he was the co-main brain behind the '76 BOMB, he was on the winning V.M.I. wrestling team, and his middle name is "Mr. Success". Volumes could be written on this cadet's achievements and his class history should be something more. To us, the Class of '76, Grigg Mullen is our Brother Rat and a friend and someday, when he is rich and famous, we sure as hell hope that he will remember us! Good luck Grigg. Oh yes, and good luck Ann!

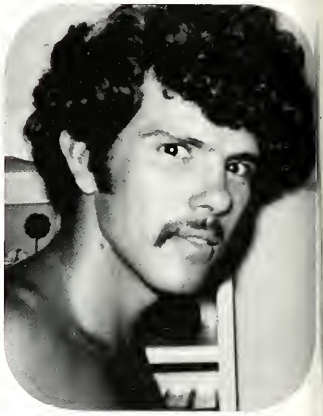
Dykes: Class of 1973: Tom Cates
Class of 1979: Steve Brantly, Jim Leavitt

William Donelson Neal III
"Big Guy" "Kid" "Neal" "Mississippi"
Jackson, Mississippi
History — Air Force

Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, 2nd Lt. 1; Arnold Air Society; VMI Student Grotto; Rat Training 3, 2, Rat Company XO 2; VMI Firefighters; Perverted Corner 4; Zoo Crew 3, 2, 1.

If there is such a thing as constructive curiosity, Bill has it. He learned to keep his wonderment at a low profile as a rat, mainly because he had to. Ever since, his inquisitiveness has carried him from episode to episode with surprising deftness. He has made the rounds with various individuals of the female gender until he went a-courting at Mary Washington. Big Guy has a big heart, ready to listen or advise whenever the situation arises. He's also ready to join an argument, to convince himself of his own convictions. Being a down-home country boy, Bill can readily accept anything that comes along. Rest assured that there are more than a few people around here that hope he can continue to accept the success and happiness we know he'll achieve.

Dykes: '73: Lou Smithson
'79: Jim Barger
Heshmet Hashemi

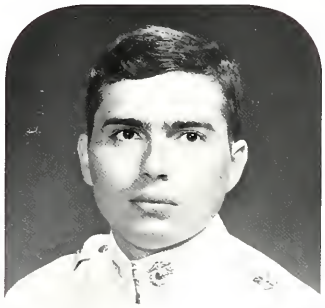


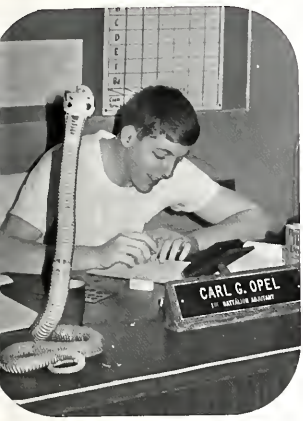
Conrad Henry Neuf III
"C.H." "Rad"
Leesburg, Virginia
English, Marine Corps

Pvt.; English Society 3; Fire Fighter 2; Ghetto 1, Gladiators, Cadet library assistant; Intramural Football; Dean's List; Wrestling 1; Tech Raiders 3; B.S.R. Spades Club 2.

Day after day, alone on a hill, the man with a foolish grin is perfectly still.
But nobody wants to know him, they can see that he's just a fool as he gives an answer
But the fool on the hill sees the sun going down
And the eyes in his head see the world spinning round
Well on the way, head in a cloud, the man of a thousand voices talking perfectly loud
But nobody ever hears him or the sound he appears to make and he never seems to notice
But the fool on the hill sees the sun going down
And the eyes in his head see the world spinning round
And nobody seems to like him they can tell what he wants to do
And he never shows his feeling but the fool on the hill
Sees the sun going down and the eyes in his head see the world spinning round
He never listens to them he knows that they're the fools
They don't like him
But the fool on the hill sees the sun going down
And the eyes in his head see the world spinning round.
Lennon-McCartney

Dykes: '73 Steve Stokwitz
'79 Hank Chase, Mac Curtis





Carlton George Opel
"C.G."
El Paso, Texas
Civil Engineering — Corp of Engineers

Pvt., Cpl., Sgt., Cpt., Regimental Adjutant, Honor Court Prosecutor, Rat Football, Airborne Ranger, American Society of Civil Engineers, Society of American Military Engineers, Wrecking Crew, Truckmaster Qualified, Trou Brothers.

After rooming with C.G. for four memorable years, there's nothing that this guy hasn't done which he'd ever regret doing. Carl is one of those guys you want on your side because he's a winner and has proved it to be a leader amongst his brother rats. There have been numerous occasions where Carl has really excelled: in the classroom, in the corps, and the respect and trust of those who know him. C.G. probably couldn't have done it all if it wasn't for the other three members of the "Wrecking Crew" of 160 to inspire him and push him in the direction he is headed; just ask Simple, the Wop or Rag and they'll tell you! Here's a guy we'll never forget and we wish all of the luck and success he has coming to him. Good luck Carl.

Dykes: Class of 1973: Steve Colwell
Class of 1979: Burley Byrd and Kurt Undercoffer

John Alexander Otocka
"Johnny O, O"
Lynchburg, Virginia
History — Armor

Swimming 4, 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Water Polo 4, 3, 2, 1.

Rooming with Johnny O has been a pleasure these past two years. Johnny O has always been willing to forget studying and go to the T.V. room.

When John came to VMI it was something he had wanted to do ever since going to Fishburn Military Academy. Like most of us, his rat year went fast. His third class year was one of many different women. That summer was one spent in summer school, which turned out to be the best thing John ever did. John met Carole at a V.B.H. pool party. For John, Carole was the beginning of many trips to Lynchburg that summer. During his second class year, John continued to court Carole and they became engaged in November. Now John is looking to the future, when there will be lots of little O's running around.

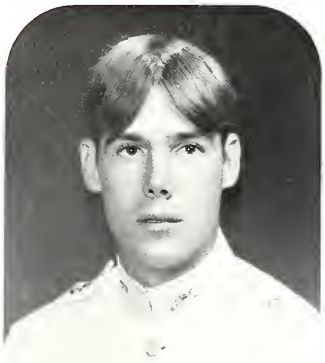
Dykes: '73: Barry Robinson
'79: Frank Jester
David Choplinski

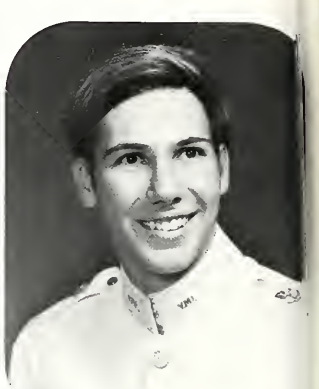
Michael Eugene Outten
"Otto" "Otter" "Hippie"
Ocean City, Maryland
Economics — Air Force

Timmins Room Society, Cadet Sergeant, Assistant Boxing and Wrestling Instructor, Civil War Roundtable, Young Republicans, After Taps Club.

I have to say that after being behind bars for four years, I am jubilant about leaving. The athletic program is one of the strongest points about my staying at V.M.I. Even though I have learned to suffer humiliation and accept responsibility, I don't believe VMI lets an individual mature into being a responsible adult until after he leaves the Institute. However, the close ties, friendships, and unity that drew this class together made the Institute bearable in the coldest of days (Dark Ages) and stronger at the same time. I am glad to have been a part of this unique class, the class of '76. Well, this beach bum is goin' for a swim. Take it easy.

Dykes: '73: Mike McCurdy
'79: Butch Stokes
Lee Moise





George Hunter Ozmer
"Hunt", "Hunter", "Stringbean", "Stick", "Spots"
South Boston, Virginia
History — Armor

Rat Football, Varsity Football 2, 1; Hop & Floor, Virginia Gentlemen, Cellar Crew, Cardinal Puff Club, Ghetto 154, Grub 4, 3, 2, 1; A.M.O.S.T., P. Court, Bago Crew, Permanent M.E.I. Club.

Hunt, always known to be a great partyman was never to be hindered by VMI's disciplined structure. Whether it was our rat year partying in the Stadium or our confinement plagued sophomore year with the cooler parties in the room.

Our sophomore year saw us enter as studious individuals but leave as party-hardy fools. Hunt wishing to spread his charms to another college soon found out he was confined to the Big "I" to stay, at least for two months.

He soon came to realize that if he wished to attend college he had to make do with what he had, so our junior year Hunt saw plenty of partying, Camptowns, Ring Figure, "The Cellar", summer school '75 and the wildest party ever when the "Cellar" boys became Peeping Toms at the Richmond game, the only night Hunt was ever Propositioned and doesn't remember it.

It's been work and fun, but it's been unforgetable and it all sounds terrific but it's been Hell and it's people like Hunt who make it all possible.

Dykes: 73 George Brooks
79 Ray Duffet
Jay Higginbotham

Kevin James Pardus
"Ken, Kelvin"
Schenectady, New York
Chemistry — Armor

American Chemical Society 1, 2; Association of the United States Army 1; Arm Forces Club 4; Jackson's Battery 1, 2; Wrestling 4; Young Republican Club 1; Zoo Crew 1, 2, 3.

To fight for a cause, right or wrong, is the job of a mercenary. Kelvin's goal is to create an elite to fight for hire. His interest in military history and weapons is the ideal background for this. His training in the Army will give him the expertise to carry out his dream. The following poem from R. E. Housman's "Defensive Epitaph on Mercenaries" expresses Kelvin's approach to life:

Their shoulders held the sky suspended;
They stood and earth's foundations stay;
What God abandoned, These defended,
And saved the sum of things for pay.

While some men dream of being professional soldiers for some great and noble cause, Kelvin can see the nobleness in war and professionalism as an end in itself.

All inquiries for additional information should be directed to the Virginia Military Institute Placement Office, Lejeune Hall.

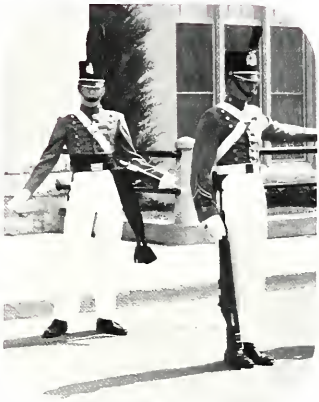
Dykes: '73 — Phil Lynch
'79 — Peter Goldman & Keith Vitrano

Paul Blake Parker
"P.P." "P.B."
Roanoke, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Army

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE; Hop and Floor; Low Profile 4, 3, 2, 1; Sir Edmund Hillary Club.

"Think I'll pack it up and buy a pick-up,
take it down to L.A.
find a place to call my own and try to fix up
Start a brand new day."

Dykes: '73: David McCown
'79: Rick Cadugan



Raymond Carl Pavlosky
"Ray, H.F.S., Bear, Pav"
Johnstown, Pennsylvania
Chemistry — Navy

C.S.; Karate; English Speaking Union

Ray came to V.M.I. with high aspirations, desiring a career in e "Navy", a degree in biology ("Marine" probably), and of urse rank. But after a year of character building at the stitute Ray found himself in the Army, out of biology, and a ivate. He decided he needed a break.
But hailing from that All-American city (Johnstown, Pa.) and ing an All-American Boy he felt he must return to the big "I". following in the footsteps of his fellow Pennsylvanian eorge C. Marshall he began fighting back up the hill of ience. His fighting paid off??? He is now a chemistry major d the only swabbie in the first class.
In all seriousness Ray has proved himself to be an easy going y; everybody's friend.
Good luck in all your endeavors!
Cindi, you're a lucky girl.

ykes: '73 Gig Tamez
'79 Wisith Jeangprajak
Glen McNeily

William Keith Poertner
"Portnoy"
Chesapeake, Virginia
Electrical Engineer — MS

Wrestling 4; After Taps Hearts Club; Apathy Club; Give the Editors a Headache Club; Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1.

What can you say about a Brother Rat who firmly believes in keeping a very low profile? "Portnoy" is a very quiet guy, so quiet that he doesn't attract any attention — which is a good trait around the big "I". Good Luck to a good BR!

Dennis A. Puckett
Pouche, Puck, Puckmo, Shadow, Red Neck, Scrooge
Meadows of Dan, Virginia
History — Armor

Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, Pvt. 1; BUFU Club; Young Democrats 4, 2, 1, Secretary 1, Vice-Chairman 6th District 1; Bomb Staff 1, 1st Class Editor 1, Photo Sales Editor 1; 2nd Stoop Pub Club 2, Sole Surviver 1; VMI Theatre 3, 2; Low Rent District 1.

During the past four years that I have spent here at VMI, I have learned many things that I hope will help me in the future. The most important thing that I learned was that there are many different people in the world, and that if we keep an open mind, there is a lot to be learned from each other.
"Conversation, that's what it's all about.
Why can't we talk it out, and say what's on our minds?
Situations keep getting in the way.
So much we need to say, but we're running out of time . . ."

Buddy Buie & J.R. Cobb

Dykes: '73: Ralph Littreal
'79: Ray Hendrickson
Rodney Decorte

James Alvin Puckette

Puck, Jim
Lynchburg, Virginia
History — Artillery

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Young Republicans 4, 3; 1976 Ring Figure Committee; Cadet Staff 4; V.M.I. Theater 4; Fire Fighters; Intramural Football Championship Team; Getto; F-Troop; The Gladiators 1.

After spending many pleasant moments in the beerhalls of Germany, Jim returned to his native Virginia and became one of Mother Institute's sons. Being the son of an alumnus, it seemed like the only natural thing to do.

However, from the first day on, it has been a fight to the wire. Jim would fight every haircut and permit disapproval to the bitter end (which was not usually that bitter).

The first semester of his third class year brought about a big change in his life. A girl from Mary Washington entered Jim's life and became a permanent part of it. One can't say that she straightened him out, but she does try.

Jim is a history major, but he is as familiar with En 201 as any English major. With various summer schools thrown in for good measure, Jim will be shuffling across that stage with his last haircut for a good while.

Good luck, brother rat and best wishes to you and Nancy in the future.

Dykes: Class of 1973 Paul Forehand
Class of 1979 Bart Cramer
Jack Stevenson

Lowell Alan Pyke Jr.

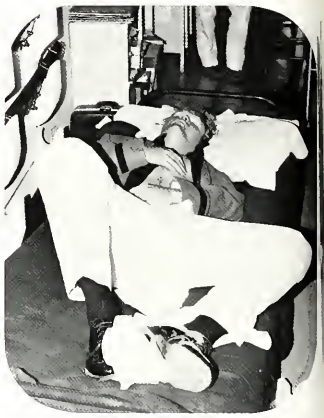
"Albino B____, Pork, Funky Bear"
Manassas-Hatboro, Virginia
Biology — Civilian

Varsity Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Cellar Dwelling 2, 1; Pre-Medical Society 2, 1; Ghetto 4, 2, 1; Uncle Buck's List 4, 3, 2, 1.

Football, Biology, and weekends have been the essence of my existence at VMI. A person who believes that shined shoes don't make a man and that one's GPA doesn't necessarily measure his intelligence. If not for my family, Tombo, Curt, Tom, Y, Hunt, Rand, Withers, Russel, Phil, Hank, Bruce, Heat, MacHeal, Loui, the members of the 72, 73, 74, 75 VMI football teams and a couple of other buddies, there would be no way in Hell that I would still be here.

Also, Danny Newcomer, Kurt Minton, and Paul Staiger provided an unmeasurable amount of inspiration and good times, but they won't be graduating with us, one wonders. "Maybe they made the right decision."

Dykes: '73: Tombo Jones
'79: David Woolwine
Eddie Negro
George Lewis



Simon Radomskyj

"Si, Simone, Ski"
Irvington, New Jersey
Economics — Artillery

Pvt. 4, 2, 1; VMI Cadet 4, 2, 1; Glee Club 2, 1; Karate Club 2, 1; Militaria Society 2, 1; Class Patch Design 4; Ring Figure (Ring Structure) 2; Riding Team 4; Soaring Club 4; Timmons Society 4; Young Republicans 4; Zoo.

Not thus our vows, confirm'd with wine and gore,
Those hands we plighted, and those oaths we swore,
Shall all be vain: when Heaven's revenge is slow
Jove but prepares to strike the fiercer blow.
The day shall come, that great avenging day,
Which Troy's proud glories in the dust shall lay;
When Priam's powers and Priam's self shall fall,
And one prodigious ruin swallow all.
I see the god, already, from the pole
Bare his red arm, and bid the thunder roll;
I see the Eternal all his fury shed,
And shake his aegis o'er their guilty head.
. . . (Thus I) Shall dream of conquests on th
hostile shore; . . .
Homer

Dykes: '73: William van Deusen
'79: Dolphin Overton
Shane Miller

Richard Lee Radtke

Rick, "RAG"
Leavenworth, Kansas
History — Infantry

Pvt. 4, 3, Sgt. 2, 1 Lt. (6 days), Pvt. 1; Graduate — U.S. Army Airborne School; Cadre 2, 1; Art Editor — 1976 Ring Figure Magazine; RFYL-50 Mile Club 3, 2, 1; Wrecking Crew; BUFU; MBC and Sugar Bush Raiders; Truckers/Raphine, Va.; Who's Nobody at Smith Hall, Major Jerry Ginn's favorite man.

When "The Rag" signed the book in August '72, little did he know the academic root was awaiting. After a stiff dose of VMI summer school, Rag returned to a third class year with many a Saturday night spent in Paramount Inn and Johnny's ensuing these two establishments remained financially stable. Third class year also saw the formation of the Wrecking Crew — Rag, Simple, Wop, and C.G. Summer found Rick jumping out of airplanes with four working engines . . . Rick's cadre squad had little doubt why "The Rag" had his name. Ask any of his three rats who left during cadre. "The Rag" isn't always OTR, but he's second to none when he is. Over these last 4 years, he's been a good friend and roommate.

Dykes: Class of 1973, Rick Griffith '72B and Jack Beadle
Class of 1979, Jeff Beeby and Ron (Mad Dog) Burner

Raymond Ramos

"Ray"
Panama Canal Zone
Civil Engineering — Engineers

Cpl., Sgt., 2nd Lt.; A.S.C.E.; S.A.M.E.; Dean's List; OGA; Varsity Swimming 2, 1; Monogram Club 1; Sojourner's Award; D.M.S.

If I were to write of all the experiences during four years at this place, it would take a good size novel to fit everything in. It probably wouldn't make the best seller's list anyway. Therefore, may I say that I hope the good experiences of VMI stay with me and remind me that good can be found in the worst of conditions. As for the bad, may I remember them as I go through life so that I don't make the same mistake twice. This place has had a lot to offer. My only wish is that I've taken enough of it with me so that I can better cope with the future. To David and Lawrence: the world is a small place; with luck, we'll see each other in the near future.

Dykes: '73: John Semmel
'79: Eric Jacobson
Raymond Higgins

Jeffrey Byron Ratliff

"Barry"
Alexandria, Va.
Civil Engineering — Army

Pvt; Ghetto; gladiators; ASCE; Football 4; Intramural Football 1; Karate 3, 2; Intramural Basketball 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List; 400 club.

We came together beneath the bushes at Southern Sem., where after the consumption of a case of Miller Malts we began our four year search for the ever ellusive B . . . which lurks within. Three years later we're still together and still searching.

There is really no one incident which could describe Barry's four years of existence at V.M.I. Oh! I could site a few episodes of running from O.D.s or late night courtroom trials but nothing any respectable reader would find amusing.

What can you say about a guy you roomed with for four years, a guy who has shared in all the the good times as well as the many bad ones. I can safely say I can't think of anyone I would rather have around when the going gets tough. Life here has taught us many things; things like confinement, penalty tours, restrictions, and the shortest route to Buck's office. But the one important thing it has taught us is how to laugh and when Barry is around there's always a good laugh. Best of luck Brother.

Dykes: '73: Bernie Rowe
'79: Bob Bookmiller
Mike Dougherty

Edward Kenneth Ray, II
"Space Ray, X-Ray"
Haughton, Louisiana
EE-Py (Combat) Engineers

Regt. Drummers; IEEE; SPS; SAME; Newman Club; Student Grotto; Religious Council; Fencing Team; Fire Fighters; WLUR; EE Cadet Assistant; Rat Pep Band; Young Republicans; AUSA; Sport Parachute Club; Airborne Qualified; ADT; REL.

There's a lot that can be said about Ken; Airborne, Recondo, AOT (a 3rd Lieutenant) and a double major in EE-Py to name only a few. Ken wanted rank in the Corps all along, but succeeded only once, when he made sergeant for a semester. Maybe the best thing that can be said is he never gave up. He insisted on an "Old Corps", the Rat Line in particular. Every rat class learned to fear him. And he'll be back for a fifth year, to have fun with another rat class. And in a take-off on an airborne song:

"Is everybody happy?" cried the sergeant, looking up,
Our hero (Ken) feebly answered "Yes" and then they stood him up.
He leaped right out into the blast, his static line unhooked,
He ain't gonna make it this year !!!!

Dykes, '73: R.E.L. (Boot) McNeely
'79: Russ Zech

Ralph Curtis Reppart
"Mad Dog" "Ralph"
Fredericktown, Ohio
Biology — Field Artillery

Varsity Basketball 4, 3, 2, 1; Captain 3, 2, 1; Honor Court 1; Cadet Program Board 3, 2, 1; Cadet Activities Committee 3, 2, 1; O.G.A. Rep. 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Dean's List; DMS 1; "Cellar Dwellar" 2, Camptown '74, "Ghetto" 2, 1; "Semites"; Academic Stars 2; "Tomcats".

If a man upstairs could have placed a human being at V.M.I. under the auspices of a cadet who represented a living testimony of the word — dedication —, it would be Curt Reppart. VMI, Basketball, academics, classmates, underclassmen, justice, and honor all represent areas where this driving young man has excelled.

Curt, the relationship which began in August, 1973 between us, has meant a great deal to me. During the formative years of our cadetship I have always been able to find a readily responsive ear to any and all of my trivial problems. I hope that you will forgive me for any advice that I ever offered which turned a simple predicament into a major disaster. But then, "What are friends for?"

Finally, but not least of all in your heart or mine are Mamma and Big Ben. They always said the right things at the right times. In conclusion, Ralph, all I can say is that Fredericktown has not produced a finer representative to V. M. I. from an even finer stock.

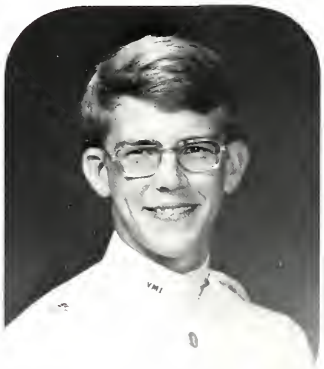
Mark David Rinnan
The Illinois Kid
Rockford, Illinois
Civil Engineering — Armor

ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Bomb Staff 1; Brothers of the Sun 4, Firefighters 3, 2; Militaria Society 3; Tankers 2, 1, Tanker Platoon Leader 1; Scuba Club 4; Slingshot Crew 2.

Rat Year: The less said about it the better.
Third Class Year: The less said about it the better.
Second Class Year: The beginning of the end.
FIRST CLASS YEAR: HOT DAMN! (No job, No women, No ADT(?))

"Now I know what it's like to go to school; I sure wish to Hell I knew what it was like to go to college." Since nothing outstanding or even mildly exciting happened to Mark his first two years at VMI, his claim to "FAME" was in his second class year. By inventing the biggest slingshot in barracks he perfected slingshot trajectory and shooting into a lot of trouble. Leaving his brother rats will be as hard as leaving the Institute is easy. "I've been so long behind these gothic walls, good Lord you would think I'd graduate."

Dykes: '73: Gary Shick
'79: Frank Lumpkin
Randy Pekarik



Daniel James Rivera

"Rackvera" "Fort Hood Flash"
Killeen, Texas
German, Infantry

Pvt. 4, 3, 1; Sgt. 2; Rangers 3, 1; PLC 3, 2; Cheerleader 2; Sniping and Chuckwallowing Society 1; Weapons Expert 4, 3, 2, 1.

The "Fort Hood Flash" came sailing into the arch with luggage in arms and kill in his eyes. Undaunted by the system Dan's Gung Ho attitude never wavered even in the shadow of unimagined adversity. Dan is an example par excellence of a combat pistol shot, an avid varmint hunter, and a good all 'round sportsman. An outstanding politician and diplomat, Dan has talked his way out of more than one lions den and into a couple of engagements, one of which is permanent. Barb finally straightened Dan out and gave him purpose and direction through some rough times.

Dykes, '73: Charles (Chad) Brown
'79: Monsour Aghili-Nasad
Francis Phillips

Claude Columbus Roberts Jr.

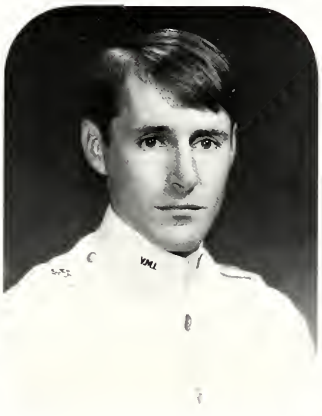
"CC, Bubba, Bush"
Houston, Texas
Civil Engineer USMC

4th Young Republicans & Armed forces Club, Cross Country; 3rd Armed Forces Club, Grotto, AISC; 2nd Scuba Club, AISC, Handball Doubles Champion; AISC, Karate Club; Pvt. 3, 2a; Sgt. 2b; 1 Lt.

Claude — A friend, a roommate, a Brother Rat. Many things could be said about such a man, but words really can't express the feelings I've developed after knowing this human being for four years. Let it suffice in saying that in his years at VMI he shared in the joy of others and increased it; he shared in the woe of others and diminished it. Thank you, Brother Rat.

Some of us aren't fooled by that innocent smile. Not that Claude is an obnoxious practical joker, but have you ever walked in your door under a cup of water? Found popcorn in your toothpaste? Found your bathrobe alight while you're in it? Bush was sure to be involved. As long as there are unsuspecting victims around, someone will be heard to say, "Alright, who's the wise guy?" Nice BR.

Dykes: 73 John Joseph Ciriaco
79 Fil Truitt, Anthony Pais



William Charles Ryals

"Bill", "Billy B."
Woodbridge, Virginia
Civil Engineering, Air Force

ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; SAME 2, 1; Young Republicans 4, 3, 2, 1; 2nd Vice Chairman; RDC, Caving & Mountaineering 4, Timmins Society 4; Baseball 2; Hop & Floor 4, 3; Military Society 4, 3.

Using the world famous time dependent Schrodinger Eq. for a cadet in a box with infinite potential walls (formulated through the Buck-Buck uncertainty principle, solve for the equations of motion toward graduation for one cadet Bill Ryals).

Given: + = Prob. For Graduation
Where:
= G.P.A., A time degenerate exponential function
m = Inverse of summer camp peer rating score
Note — 1/0 is undefined
$\psi(x,t)$ = A function of position and time to include, weekends carelessly abused, and time spent in the TV room, rack oscillating or highly inebriated mode
Note — Attendance at summer school is a constant in this function.
V(x) = Potential drive warp factor, derived from countless liters of "Distillers Pride"

Solution — Given these parameters, the probability of this cadet breaching the infinite potential walls can not be determined. But cheer up Bill, you just might make it by the hair on your nosey, nosey, nose! — Mad Bone LTD

Dyke: '73 Mark McCary
'79 Joe Walbert, Dariush Akhran, Brian Fenzel

Mark Christian Sculley
"Cruel Person"
Hampton, Virginia
Modern Languages

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Soccer 4, 3, 2; Indoor Track Mngr. 4, 3; Lacrosse Mngr. 2; Varsity Rack 4, 3, 2, 1; Refrigerator 3, 2, 1; Bad Person 2, 1.

Mammaries of VMI: music, White's '76, slide for life, rat Sundays at Jay & Peggy Lee's, FCP at Tortila Flat, ballerina permit with Gargoyle & Schroth, drinking Bacardi 151 in Jake's tent at FTX, Lounging on the river, escapades at the Berb's cabin, apartment parties, Goose & Cathy, Bobo & the Neck, $10 Coke machine, varsity rack team, unauthorized female visitor in room after taps, after taps guard detail with Smegma, Prince Pelham, CBS, rum at Ring Figure, girl on the bike, walk in the rain, feeling devilish, Tiny Dancer, 1st day of spring.

A creature of habit, i.e. flunking Calculus, driving someone's nice car, or painting the cannonball, Mark was never hard to find: Between sheets, under the headphones, at his brother's house or on the phone to Sherry. Thanks especially to Mom, Dad, & Jay. It's nice to be a member of the club.

Dykes: '73 Bob Newman
'79 Thitinant Thanyasiri
Mike Thomas

James Edward Simpson
"Simple, Jim, OJ"
Roanoke, Virginia
Economics — Armor

Pvt., Sgt., Pvt.; Rat Battalion Staff; Rat Disciplinary Committee; DMS; JV Football 4; JV Basketball 3; Dean's List; Intramural Football 3, 2, 1; Intramural Basketball 4, 2, 1; Posit Committee 3, 2, 1; Cadet Assistant 2, 1, Omicorn Delta Epsilon; Cheerleader 1; Business Manager '76 Ring Figure Magazine; Sir Edmund Hillary Club; Wrecking Crew 3, 2, 1.

It is extremely difficult to write how I feel towards Jimmy. He has been more than just a "Brother Rat" to me and the class. People came to Jimmy with problems and knew they could count on his understanding and compassion for good advice. Of course, Jim wouldn't be complete had it not been for the Wrecking Crew. Mike, Rick, and Carl really helped make the days of VMI easier for Jim, as did Ralph. Outside the walls of VMI, he simply cannot express his gratitude for Mom and Dad (he says that he will someday put all their teachings together.)

His academic excellence needs no glorification, since he only has done what was expected of him. And he has made sure that he achieved the proper mix of social pleasures as well. But then, what to say; what to say about the best BR and friend I could ever have.

Edwin Rand Sompayrac
"The Sundance Kid, Nappy"
South Boston, Virginia
History — Infantry

Rat Football; Golf Team; Hop and Floor; Virginia Gentlemen; Cellar Crew; Bago Crew; Cardinal Puff Club; 300 Demerit Club; Ghetto 154; P. Court; Grub 4, 3, 2, 1; A.M.O.S.T.

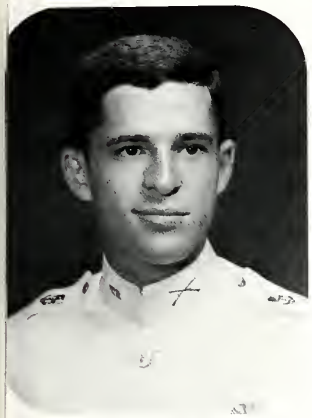
On August 24, 1972 Rand was given the surprise birthday party of his life. The party was continued for four years and the presents bestowed upon him consist mostly of demerits, confinement, and pt's. Even a few presents were confiscated such as shoes, hats, and pants. But through it all he has managed to smile.

The "Big I" never cramped his style. The parties started his rat year in the Stadium, they continued in room 320 and coincided with the destruction of room 254, Camptown, U.Va., "A" Frame, Richmond game, the Mail Box and Summer School '75. Rand is always ready for a party and he has been known to party till the cows come down.

We will always remember the good times and hopefully forget the bad times, the times we almost left and the times we cussed VMI, but through it all "Nappy" helped us make it. Its been hard but its been fun Rand. Good luck to a great friend and may the good times you've brought us always go with you.

It would not have been possible without Kathy and my wonderful parents. Thanks Mom and Dad.

Dykes: '73: Jim Parks
'79: Penn Pace
Rich McDonough



Gregory Charles Speaker
"Greg" A-Ho"
Oxen Hill, Maryland
History — Army Infantry

Pvt. 4, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; 82nd Airborne Recondo School; Cadet Battery 4; Ranger Platoon 3, 1; S-5 Staff 2; Rat Training 2, 1; Rat Company XO 1; Student Grotto 4, 3, 2, 1; Economics Coffee Club 4, 3, 2; Allen's roommate 4, 3, 2, 1.

The words weak, slovenly, unreliable, slow, effeminate, grubby, unintelligent and non-military epitomize everything that Greg Speaker is NOT. As a Rat, Greg was so highly motivated to become a ranker that by his third class year he was the third ranking corporal in the Corps with the third worst G.P.A. to match. Amazingly enough, for a good looking guy like Greg, he sure dated some ornery looking females. I wouldn't say they weren't feminine, but how many girls do you know that can bench press 250 lbs? (In reality a string of sharp looking young ladies) Greg will make a fine officer (attached to the WAC's) when he graduates. Remember Greg; "Lead, follow or get the hell out of the way, Leg!"

Dykes: '73 Randy Marshall
'79 Jim LaRose, Howard Adams

Paul Alexder Spencer
"Wop"
Rome, Italy
English, Armor

Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 2; RDC Representative 1; The Cadet 2, 1; English Society 2, 1; Fire Fighters 3, 2; Rum Truckers, Slingshot Crew; Number One Club.

Continental tastes and better bigger Lexington don't seem to really match. Still, you have to be able to tell the good by seeing the bad. (Melville took a whole novel to say what was just said.) Paul has certainly seen a lot of the bad at VMI but then that has made him bitter.

Paul hasn't aspired to many position at VMI but VMI has placed him in a lot of position that finally turned out to be responsible ones. The best thing about Paul is the fact he has added something to those late night sessions in the cadet room and the English library. Paul has also added something to every truck and evey running of the block he has ever gone through.

It might be wise to get away from the traditional stuff and get to one thing that is important to Paul. If art is merely for arts sake then artists have been engaging in esoteric nonsense for centuries. If on the other hand if art is for people then their time hasn't been wasted. Value and taste are relative and change with every generation. Still, Paul has added a lot not only to the art of appreciation but to the cultivation of people as well. Maybe that is the key to it all for Paul has appreciated both art and people and he has brightened up a lot of dark times by doing just that.

Michael Earl Stauffer
"Mike" "Stauff" "Cowboy"
Ashland, Ohio
Chemistry, Air Force

Cross-Country Team 4, 3; Track 4; Member of Young Republicans 4; Grotto 1.

Mike came to VMI all the way from Ohio to see what the "M" stood for. He soon became convinced that it has to do with cranial disorders. Finding a faithful friend in "Bouncing Dave", however, he managed to make it through the year with his Rat Bible and Chemistry towel. Our third class year found him living in the zoo, drowning his sorrows in comic books and truckloads of westerns. Somewhere between Zane Grey and the sorties to Hungry Hill he fit in a Chem lab and some rack time. It looks like Mike has finally made it down the long, dusty trail to graduation, and as we see him ride off into the sunset with a Bunsen Burner in his holster and a diploma in his saddle bag, we hear a hardy "HI-HO SEM".

Dykes '73: Willie Wells
'79: John Hash
Bill Drewery

Andrew O'Brien Stewart

Andy "AOB"
Chester, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Corps of Engineers

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Wrestling 4, 3, 2, 1, Co-Capt. 2; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; SAME 2, 1; 2nd place Southern Conference 4; DMS; Laundy's Ideal Cadet 2, 1; 114 Weekend Club.

Andy started his four years with a tower of inspiration in his dyke. However he was not inspired for long as he decided there was nothing more to life except wrestling, bikes (sleeps with his bike), and hydroplanes. He even considered staying single for life, however at this writing there is hope that he will reconsider his decision. He learned his second class year not to wrestle with the big fellows, but this does not explain his unnatural behavior during super summer '75, that resulted in the Army beating a path to his door. He supplied calmness and security to the room and Charlie and I always slept safe and sound.

Dykes: '73: Dick Bugbee
'79: R.J. Barlow
Jay Virtue

John Arthur Street

"John, Streetis"
Fredricksburg, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Artillery

ASCE 3, 2, 1; SAME 2, 1; Militaria Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Debate 2, 1.

When John passed under Jackson'a immortal words back in '72, he had resolved to be two things: a biology major and a military stud. The first ambition survived to the end of his rat year, when he adroitly leaped from the frying pan into the fire and switched to CE. He has since persevered in the face of mental agony, uncounted rack attacks numerous late dates with his calculater, and abundant CE "good deals". Fortunately, his roommates were all LA's, who endeavored to teach him to speak and spell (alas, in vain!). His enthusiasm for the Army also waned, being supplanted by visions of dollar signs.

John will be remembered as a strong supporter of the Ratline and the class system, as well as always being ready to help a BR. He will also be revered as the holder of several notable records, including the Second Class 211 Rack Record (which he lost to Steve Borowski and Dave Bass in '75–'76). I'm sure John would agree with these words of Henry Thoreau (if he knows who he is): "Many a poor sore-eyed student would grow faster, both intellectually and physically, if . . . he honestly slumbered a fool's allowance."

Dykes: '73: Hal Laughlin
'79: Thomas Willard
Robert Muncy

John Paterson Strock

J.P., Strack, Strock
Hampton, Virginia
English, Infantry

Pvt.; Rugby; ASCE; VMI English Society (President); VMI English Speaking Union (Vice President); Sounding Brass (Managing Editor); Fencing; Class Dues Collection Committee; Ring Design Committee; Hop and Floor; Pervert Corner; Disciple of Daniels' Den; All-Pro Team.

With 22 of my years gone already, I find that there are so many things I have to do and un-do in my lifetime. These years, at VMI, have helped me sort out the primary from the secondary. Of course, I may have made mistakes about the angle in which I approach things but, I think the general direction fits for the kind of person that I think I am, and hopefully the kind of person that I want to become. My concern for my actions is based on how I see myself and not so much on how others think I should be. But, to my fellow classmates, I wish you all the luck in whatever you attempt to do with your futures.

Dykes 73: George Stock, Berny Rowe, Larry Gordon
Dykes 79: Chip Marohn (Moron), Ali Moradi

Mark Galen Swank

"Mont Weatherby"
El Paso, Texas
Civil Engineering — Engineer

Cpl, Reg Sgt Maj, Reg S1, 2Bn CO; Airborne and Ranger School; Academically Distinguished; DMS; Who's Who; ASCE; Pres. Soc. of Amer. Mil. Engrs.; Orienteering Team; Scuba Club; Fire Fighters; '76 Ring Presentation Chairman; Texan.

What else could the son of one of the original Darby's Rangers do but become a genuine Chairborne Stranger qualified cadet. Summer vacations for Mark were nothing but a string of different military posts seen through green camo paint.

But Mark wasn't completely smothered in military teachings. In the process of his years at V.M.I. he managed to roll up a right impressive record in the Civil Engineering Department. And he managed that while spending 30% of his classes in the rack. God bless 3.0 cuts.

In all seriousness, whenever something needed organizing or there was a job that needed doing, Mark could be counted on to rise from the depths of his hay, mumble something unprintable and proceed to get it done faster than anyone thought possible. Hopefully the Army can use the talents of an excellent organizer.

However, it seems that Libby has organized Mark right into a wedding just seven days after graduation. Looks like he chased her until she caught him. Best of luck to the both of you.

Dyke, Class of '73 Thad Smith
Dyke, Class of '79 Jim Blank

Nicholas Joseph Tarzia

Nick, Nickie, Kathy, SAP, Pizza, Tarzia
New Canaan, Conn.
Economics — Air Force

Timmons Society 4; Run for Your Life 3, 2, 1; Firefighters 1; Lexington Pizzeria 2, 1; Rack 4, 3, 2, 1; Kathy 2, 1.

Nick matriculated at VMI full of high spartan ideals, desiring to be; a Marine Corps Jet Jockey, a super strack cadet destined for Battalion Commander, the military's answer to Burt Reynolds. However, after his rude awakening to the ratline and a disappointing Rat year he modified his ideals somewhat his third class year to being satisfied with a warm room, three meals a day, and his cigars.

Nick has spent nearly half of his cadetship on confinement. He has kept the administration in the clouds as to whether he is actually a cadet or a local Lexington entrepeneur in disguise for tax purposes. However, Nick has never quit and with his good sense of business can't help but to stumble into success. Move over John DeButts!

Dykes: '73: Dick Clark
'79: Mike Cooper
Hamid Hamidi
Pirooz Borojerdi

Michael George Tate

Mike
Virginia Beach, Va.
Economics, Armor

Cpl., 1st Sgt., Cpt., Rat football, Posit Committee, Uniform Committee, VMI Symposium Committee, BSU, Tanker Pltn., U.S. Army Jump School, Cadet Assistant, Dean's List, DMS, Fire Fighters, Marilue Morris Fan Club, Zoo.

Three students stood before the Pearly Gates and SFC St. Peter, Charlie Co., 1st, 508th Inf. Airborne.

"Where did you go to school?", he asked the first one.

"I went to UVA," said the Wahoo, sticking his chest out.

"You go to hell," said St. Peter. Turning to the second one he asked,

"Where did you go to school?"

"I went to VPI," said the Hokie attempting to imitate the Wahoo.

"No, you go to hell too. Ready, disappear!"

Turning to the last student, he bellowed, "And where did you go to school?"

With head lowered, feet shuffling, and voice trembling the student replied, "I went to VMI, sir."

To which St. Peter responded, "Come on in son, you've been in hell long enough."

Dykes: R.B. Newman '73
Bob Johansen '79
Craig Myler '79

Lawrence S. Tayon
"Wimpy"
Chesapeake, Virginia
Chemistry, Air Force

Pvt. 4, 3, 1; Sgt. 2; Rugby 4, 3, 2, 1 President 1; AAS 4, 3, 2, 1; Commanders 1; ACS 4, 3, 2, 1; Public Relations Officer 3; SPS 2 Zoo Crew 2, 1; 4 labs/week 3, 2, 1; Eddie Laccetti Fan Club.

What can you say about a guy whose high school english teacher predicted that he wouldn't last the first semester at the Big I. AS our fourth year draws to a close he is still here much to the amazement of more than just his teacher. Lawrence has gone through many stages of development, from a shaking RAT to a bucking sergeant to a cool breeze private. Finding his academic endeavors to no avail he turned to Rugby, the X, and T.V.

He seems to have two desires in life, one is to get out of the A.F. and the other is to be a life guard at Virginia Beach. We would like to wish Lawrence the best of luck but Michele is the best form of luck that could happen to anyone.

Dykes: '73 Hank Weatherford
'79 Scott Beale and 'SK' Hudgins

Kavanaugh Yancey Thrift Jr.
Kavie, K.Y., Y.
Norfolk, Va.
Civil Engineering — Armor

PVT. 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Virginia Gentlemen Baseball 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Summer School 4, 3, 2,; "Super Summer 75", Cellar Crew, Ghetto 154, Number One Club, Permanent M.E.I. club, Baygo Club, "A.M.O.S.T.", Pervert Court"

Coming from the Tidewater Area, K.Y. arrived at VMI in strictly civilian form and has managed to maintain this image throughout his Cadetship.

Never one to say no to a party or a drink, KY has seen some heavy duty partying at the "Cellar", that is when he's not on confinement (he didn't know seconds couldn't park their cars in the first class parking lot) or when he's not struggling to squeak through another calculus course. Long hair, partly hardy, toe up, block running, civilian attire uptown, non-challant, cavalier or trying to choke down a paper are all phrases common with this man. And there's no doubt about it, the Keydet baseball team will be in need of a first baseman of KY's caliber next season, if it expects to do well as it has in the past.

I know that N.E.B. has more than once almost proved to be KY's Waterloo, but he has weathered the storms with various summer schools.

Good Luck Brother Rat and here's to better and bigger Parties to come.

Dykes: Class of '73; Garnett Jordan
'79; Sammy Murphy
Ralph Park
Lenny Snead

William Harrison Toney
Rackatom
Chesapeake, Virginia
Biology, Air Force

Baptist Student Union Council Member, Arnold Air Society, Pre-med Society, Soccer Team, Dean's List (3 years), Academic Stars (2 years), Virgil Grissom Scholarship Award, BSU State Folk Team "Instruments of Peace", Katie Lope Fan Club-President.

Bill is a man of many talents. When he's not studying, playing his guitar, preparing a Bible study, or running, he's frying bugs with his desk lamp, fagging his roommates to go to the PX, cutting up turtles, frogs, etc., or hiding Polish hotdogs.

Trying to find someone to put up with these antics was a real task. With a cross reference of II Cor. 5:17, Bill gave up student nurses for the comfort of Longwood and Katie. Roommates never lasted long. "Jethro" Dutten and "Fatboy" Bowers were replaced by "Mad Stork" Cox. Only the Catholic kid remained faithful.

The one word that sums it all up is "dedication" — to studying and a career; to a task given him; and most importantly, to a way of life he knows to be the only way; the One Way.

Dykes: 73 Gary Hankins
79 Reza Barzegarian
79 Henry Rogers

Jeffrey Alan Totaro
"Spike"
Weehawken, New Jersey
Civil Engineering — Corps of Engineering

Pvt. 4; Cpl. 3; M/Sgt. 2; Captain — Regimental S-4 1; S.A.M.E. 2, 1 Vice President 2, 1; Statistics Club of America 4, 3, 2, 1; New York — New Jersey Club 2; A.S.C.E. 3, 2, 1; Airborne 1; MacGregor's Marauders 2, 1; Webb's Ducks 2.5.

If you ever see an Airborne lacrosse player, you'll know who it is. It is the same guy who keeps count of how many days left in our cadetship and of how many pieces of loose-leafed notebook paper is in one pack (they count the first printed sheet!). It's the same guy they call "Spike", because you have to be "tough as nails" to be from Weehawken, N.J. It's the same guy who holds formal bedmounts every night and has a strange affinity for the word, "HUH". But we're glad it's the same guy who works when he has to (also when he doesn't have to); who can take being picked on with a smile and can become frisky in his own New Jersey manner. Despite his "uniqueness" we know that Jeff will do better than most at whatever he attempts.

Dykes, Class of '73: Thomas R. Clark
Dykes, Class of '79: Paul Jussel, Salvatore Vitiello

Theodore Michael Trout
"Ted" "Teddy" "the fish"
Novi, Michigan
History — Air Force

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Distinguished Air Student; Cadet Battery 4, 3, 1; Jackson's Battery 3, 1; Salute Battery 4, 1; Little John 1; Militaria Society 4, 1; English Speaking Union 3(?), 1; Astronomy Society 4; Armed Forces Club 4; O.R.B.; University of Durham, Durham, England, United Kingdom 2.

"Then he gave the riven banner
To the old man's shaking hand
Saying: 'that is all I bring ye
From the bravest of the land.
One by One they fell around it
As the archers laid them low,
Grimly dying, still unconquered,
with their faces to the foe.
Sirs, I charge you, keep it holy,
Keep it as a sacred thing,
For the stain ye see upon it
Is the life blood of your king." — from "Flooden"
by W.E. Aytoun

"Why should not Cú Chulainn be your name because of this?" "Not so," said the little boy, "I prefer my own name Sédanta son of Sualtamh." "Do not say that, little boy," said Cathbhadh, "for the men of Ireland and Scotland shall hear of that name, and the mouths of the men of Ireland and Scotland shall be full of that name" —The Tain

Dykes: '73 Bill Stoner
'79 Fred Dismore
Mike Oden

Clifford Ernest Tuday
"Cliff", "Tuddy", "Tude"
Marietta, Georgia
Mathematics — Air Force

Pvt., Cpl., 1st Sgt., Capt.-F Company CO; Dean's List, Arnold Air Society, Caving and Mountaineering Club, Posit Committee, Fire Fighters, Rat training, USAF ROTC Scholarship, Who's Who in the Zoo, Trow Chuckers Union.

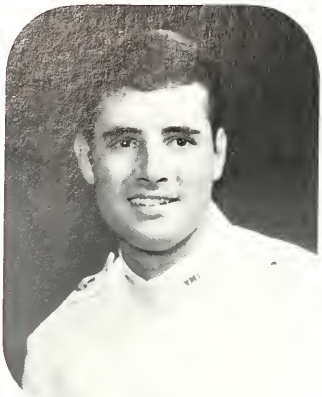
"Tuddy was quite a unique individual throughout his cadetship Cliff spent much of his time studying and was usually in residence on the upper levels of Mallory Hall.

During his four years at the Big "I", Cliff secured several illustrious roommates — Betaman, Hoople, Smuse, and not to mention, Toad and Hambone. Tuddy had observed and participated in many incidents like, Hoople losing his front teeth, Betaman trying to imitate the flying dutchman going down the parapet stairs, and the Mott Syndrome.

During his second class year he met a special "cutie face" and, well, this doesn't have to be elaborated upon any further. No doubt, that has been his most productive year!

Now, his first class year is upon him. It's coming has been too long. "Tuddy settles down into his romanticism, his lieutenancy, and his dreams of tomorrow.

Dykes: '73 John Robinson
Wayne Young
79 Greg Quinn



Richard Tufaro
"Rick, Garo, Toe"
New Milford, New Jersey
History — Air Force

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Varsity Football 3, 2, 1.

Who would have guessed four years ago that the little fella who meandered through the limit gates would become a mainstay of the Big Red? As a kicker Rick did a great job for the Big Red, erasing most of the school's previous placekicking records and helping the team to take the Southern Conference Championship of 1974–75.

Rick was also a member of the infamous group "Floor Washing Anonymous", but fortunately slept through the second meeting (held in Durr's room) and saved himself a six month vacation from VMI.

Rick never missed a chance at dressing in gaurd dyke (unsanctioned by VMI) and paying visits on our favorite friends.

Rick take care and the best of luck with Sherry, your weekend pass to happiness.

Dykes: '70 Doug Cisler
'73 Mike (Burko) Burke
'79 Joe Benda
Rick Hall

Thomas J. Turlip
"Tuna"
Woodbridge, Virginia
Electrical Engineering — Air Force

Air Force Scholarship; Cpl; Master Sgt.; Captain; Armed Forces Club Posit Committee; IEEE; Honor Court Representative; President — Hop and Floor Committee; Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

I have never had a friend as close as Tom. He came to VMI with aspirations of becoming a career officer in the USAF, being an outstanding cadet, and after graduation getting married. Although Tom will not become a career officer, he has been an outstanding cadet at the big I and will be getting married to a warm and beautiful young woman who has been with him the last four years.

Since our Rat year, I knew he would go far at VMI. From Corporal, to Master Sergeant and now cadet captain, Tom never let the rank run his life. He received rank because of his respect for his fellow man and his natural ability to be a leader.

Tom has had a great influence on my life for he is a true Brother Rat. May God bless both Tom and Debbie. I will always remember both of you.

Dykes: '73. Doug Huthwaite
'79: Tom Manley
Ken Winter

Bruce William Undercoffer
"Red" "Undi" "DD" "Sunshine" "Smiles" "Crunk" "Gono"
Loveland, Ohio
English, Army (Armor)

Private, Airborne, C Co. Guidon, Rangers 3, 2, Wrestling 4, Rugby 4, 3, 2, 1, Fencing 4, V's?? Amoeba Patrol, Run for your Rack, Who's Nobody, No. 1 Club.

Bruce came to VMI with the aspiration of becoming the most verbose Army stud the military has ever seen. Consequently, he took up the English curriculum and Armor. Bruce's third class year was busy, as it was for all of us, but he always found time to visit Scottie or Will to cheer them up — at any time of the day. We could usually find him at other times planning his next moves in his hay, to the tune of z-z-z-z, as he mastered the art of Prone Studying. Bruce will not be forgotten by any of our Brother Rats nor the Commandant, nor by many of our dykes, all for different reasons. His first class year he became known to the Commandant as the "Spiffy Cadet" as he enjoyed being a first classman. To us he has been a great friend, and in the future we'll keep a spare bottle of J.D. on hand for any unexpected visits from the Crunk. Catch you later, Brother Rat.

Dykes: '73 Roland Tiso
'79 Rob Morris
'79 Greg Cook

Phillip E. Upton
"Peaches" "Beer Can" "Atlanta Slim"
Marietta, Georgia
English — Special Student

Pvt. 1, 3, 4; Corporal 2; Varsity Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-captain 4; Varsity Baseball 1, 2; Varsity Wrestling 1; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; CADET 3, 4; WLUR radio club 3; "Show Biz Kids" 2, 3, 4; Sir Edmund Hillary Club 3, 4; Plum Street 1, 2; Pervert Court 4.

A Georgia "Stump" liked the Shenandoah Valley so much, he decided to stay four years. With a body the subject of constant ridicule, he proved himself both on the football field and as a friend. God Bless Terry, the only reason for staying, for who would have been there to "twist my arm." Bueno suerte, hermano.

Gonna buy a ticket, far as I can . . . I'm gonna take that Southbend . . . Ride it all the way to Georgia . . . 'till that train run otta track . . . Can't you see; Oh, can't you see . . . What that woman . . . has been doing to me.

M.T.B.

Kirk, P.S., and Duke —

We've all liked workings of one mind,
the features of the same face, blossoms upon one tree; of first, and last
and midst, and without end.

W.W.

Dyke: '73 Dumbo Williamson
Dykes: '79 Dough Mauck
Harland Niehaus
Steve "Grasshopper" Gulley

Garry Clinton Varney
"Boo-Boo"
Richmond, Virginia
Economics — Air Force

Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3, Mst Sgt. 2, 1st Bn S-4 1, Varsity Baseball 3, 2, 1 Monogram Club 1, Hop & Floor Committee 3, 2, 1, Distinguished Aerospace Student.

Four years of my life have expired at VMI and I must admit they have been unique and eventful. I can't hope to detail all those things which I have done. Suffice it to say that I experienced the good and bad at VMI just like every other man who entered these walls. Now that it is over, I can truthfully say I'm glad, though I will revere every moment & friendship. Special thanks go to the boys of room 109 for putting up with me for four years and to my parents and family for their love and guidance.

Dykes: '73 — Dave Northcraft
'79 — Andy Andrews
Ray Insley

Carmen Dominick Villani, Jr.
"Whop", "Anchovy", "Vitto"
Vienna, Virginia
Mathematics — Air Force

Honor Court President and 2nd Class Representative; Dean's List ROA award 2; Douglas C. France award; Posit Committee; Armed Forces Club; Firefighters; Cpl.

I find it very difficult to write a class history for the man I have lived with for the past four years. Carmen is the kind of person that words cannot describe. He has been a good friend and a "Brother Rat" in the true sense of the words. Not only do I recognize these traits in Carmen but so does the entire class. In fact, the whole class voted and honored Carmen with the "Douglas C. France" award which is given to the best "Brother Rat" in the class. The class thought so much of Carmen that they entrusted him with one of VMI's most precious possessions, the Honor System. Carmen has truly distinguished himself during his cadetship and I am sure he will continue to do so in the future.

Carmen will always be in my thoughts no matter what distance may separate us — nothing can separate true friendship. "Hey Carm, never mind, just check'in . . ."

Dykes: '73 Greg Mayes
'78 Burce Morris
'79 Tom White

Jeffrey S. Wall

"Candidate Bulkhead, Jeffy, Jeff"
Rockville, Md.
History — Marine PLC

Soccer 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI Student Grotto 4, 3, 2; Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, Pvt. 1; VMI Sniping and Chuck Walloping Society.

Jeff stormed through the arch, as befits a Marine, before any of us even got near it. A charter member of the pre-rat-year Summer School Scholar Session, his aspirations of a USMC commisson became quickly evident. Who else would climb the pipes and do push ups for summer exercise?

His abilities as a Marine were realized both by the Marine TACS at the Big I and his superiors at Quantico. Attaining outstanding ratings at both Marine Summer camps he was accorded the honor of being named a distinguished Naval Cadet.

A stint at being the barracks munitions manufacturer kept him busy at his trade during his second class year, while Hobie Cat 165 occupied his summer time out of camp.

In the words of the fifth Imperial Japanese Naval Landing Force:

"BANZAI"

Good luck Jeff and Best Wishes in the future.

Dykes: Class of 1973: John Semmel
Class of 1979: Paul Cafarella
Mike Monaghan

Rory Joesph Walsh

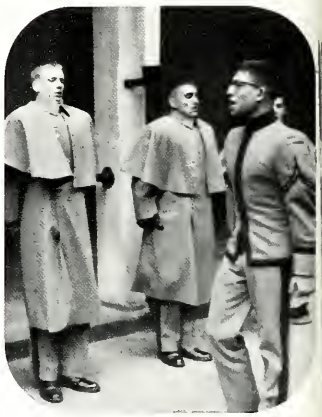
"Youngster" "Bone Man" "Charlie 77" "Wassle" "Tokyo Joe"
Hampton, Virginia

Pvt; Cpl; Sgt; 1 Lt (Delta Co. XO); Deans List; U.S. Airborne School; USAF ROTC Scholarship; Rat Training Cadre 3, 2, 1; Run For Your Life; 437 Staff; Zoo Crew; Cadet battery; Hard Ass 3, 2, 1; Student Grotto; Anti-77 Club; Anti-Jock Club; Young Republicans; International Relation Club; "Cherry" Rum Truckers; Trow Shuckers.

"Regrets, I've had a few, but then again too few to mention, I did what I had planned to do, and saw it through without exemption I planned each chartered course, each careful step along the by way. More, much more than this, I did it my way. There were times I'm sure you knew when I bit off more than I could chew, and through it all when there was doubt, I ate it up and spit it out. The record shows, I took the blows and did it my way. I've had my fill, my share of losing and now as tears subside, I find it all so amusing. To think I did all that & may I say not in a shy way, oh no not me, I did it my way."

(Anka-revaux 1965)

Dykes: 73 — Don Keck
79 — Mike Burton, Tom Baltazar



Carroll Ray Warner III

"Carrol, Bucky"
Alexandria, Virginia
Economics — Infantry

The International Relations Club 2, 1 — Secretary 1; VMI Student Grotto 2, 1; Young Republicans 4; Tanker Platoon 1; RFYL 3, 2, 1; Run For Your Rack 4, 3, 2, 1; Wednesday & Saturday afternoon hiking & gun club 4, 3.

Through A Glass, Darkly

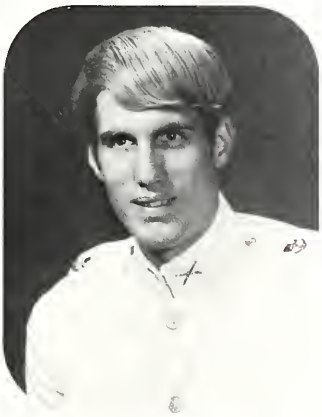
So as through a glass, and darkly
The age-long strife I see
Where I fought in many guises
Many names, but always me.

And I see not in my blindness
What the objects were I wrought
But as God rule o'er our bickerings
It was through his will I fought.

So forever in the future
Shall I battle as of yore
Dying to be born a fighter
But to die again once more.

Gen. George C. Patton

Dykes: '73 Tom Burke/Ray Dodson (Wolf)
'79 Dick (R.H.) Maslin



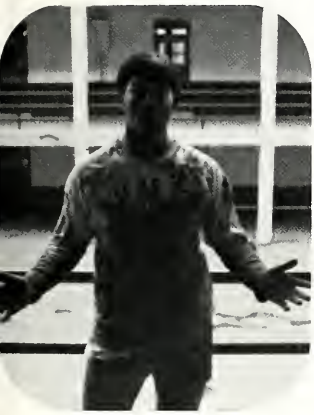
Thomas Ros Watjen

"F.S."
Bethel Park, Pennsylvania
Economics — Civilian

Varsity Basketball 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Ghetto 2, 1; Cellar Dweller 2, 1; Camptown "74".

What can be said for a place where I have spent the last four years and still cannot answer the question "Why"? So many totally unnecessary sacrifices during this time have created a strong air of disenchantment. If it were not for my family and friends, I would not have made it.

Dykes: '73 Rodney Brewer
'79 Jim Elliot
Tom Hazard
Kelly Lombard



Bennie Eugene Weaver Jr.

"Gook" "Ben"
Richmond, Va.
Economics — Infantry

Who else could have made 1st class rankers hesitant to take weekends due to the fear of finding 6 inches of water on the floor when they returned.

The "Gook" spent his rat year dodging toilet wads, winning verbal confrontations with the "Moe".

Come his 3rd class year, the law of average caught up with Bennie. He missed the sinks by 2 stoops and 2 rooms and Durr found a surprise in his hay. This caused a six months furlough in Richmond. Upon return, Bennie decided to cooperate and graduate.

Good luck Ben, stick with him Barbara. You will never find a better guy.

Dykes: Class of '73; Micheal Waldemar Burks
'79; Tim Ritzert
John Pleasants

David Francis West

"Dave" "Westo" "Davo" "Harold" "Hal" "Little Person"
Mini Man
Bradford, Pa.
English Armor

Pvt 4; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; 1 Lt 1; Army ROTC Scholarship; Young Republicans 4; Sport Parachute Club 4; Cadet Battery 4; Armed Forces Club 4, 3; RFYL 3, 2, 1; Student Grotto 4, 3, 2, 1-Secretary 3, 2, Treasurer 2, 1; International Relations Club 2, 1 — President 1; Tanker Platoon 2, 1; S-5 Staff 2, 1; Firefighters 3, 2, 1; Zoo Crew 3, 2, 1; 437 Staff 4; VMI Lonely Hearts Club 4, 3, 2, 1 — Founding Fathers; Short Power! 4, 3, 2, 1; Afternoon ZZZZZ Club 4, 3, 2, 1.

In August 1972 a curly-haired little guy matriculated here because Pennsylvania Military College went civilian, and the Institute and our class has been taken better for it. Dave rose through the ranks to 2nd Bn. S-5 and managed to stay a good-unconceited friend (what's he got to be conceited about?). In a pinch he's always ready for a party. And once he even gave up his stripes for the sake of having a good time. Whenever he got shot down for a hop (which was frequently) he really went down in style. (Talk about crash and burn!) Well, better luck next time, Westo! Being such a little target you should have gone infantry, but no, you wanted to sit in a big tank. At least we know you'll "Give 'em hell, Harold"

Dykes: '73-B; "Panama" Joe Morgan
'79: Steve Hughes
Charles West

Andrew Bartlett White
Bart
Raleigh, N.C.
English — Infantry

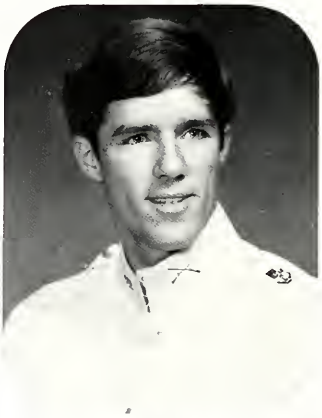
Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3, Sgt.-Pvt. 2, Pvt. 1; Cheerleaders 3, 2, Head 1; Cross Country 4; ACC Club; Hop and Floor 3, 2, 1; Rancher 2, 1; Cadet Assistant Lejeune.

I watched you go through changes that no man should face
alone.
Take to heel or tame the horse, the choice is still your own.
But arm yourself against the pain a wounded bird can give.
And in the end remember it's with you you'll have to live.

Stand your ground I think you've got the guts it takes to win.
But you must learn to turn the key before she'll let you in
Understand the problems of the girl you want so near
Or you'll wear the coats off questions 'til the answer hat is
here

Serenade your angel with a love song from your eyes
Grow a little taller even though your age defies
Feel a little smaller and in statue you will rise
A hobo and a poet must kill dragons for a bride
And humble pride is always hard to swallow with your pride.
Graham Nash

Dykes: '73: Jim Ackley
'79: Zack Smith



Herbert F. White III
"Erb"
Charlottesville, Virginia
Civil Engineering — Corp of Engineers

Pvt 4, Cpl. 3, Pvt 2, 1; Rugby; A.S.C.E.; Dean's List; Academically Distinguished; 3.0 Cut Club; Ghetto Grub; Sir Edmund Hillary Club; Intramural Boxing; Keydet Waiter.

Its been a tough four years of parties, romance, running from the "wicked Buck of the West", and last but not least, academics under the CE Tac Staff. The Wicked Buck mixed many potions to stop Erb, but could do little to cramp his life style, when the going got rough he "ran the block" and mixed potions of his own. Nobody was ever able to convince him that VMI was for real, they could change his habits and clothes, but not his ideals (the Buck would call it insolence!).
As Lynurd Skynurd sings:
. . . And this bird you cannot change,
Oh Lord I can't change . . .

Dykes: 73: Frank Joyce
79: Asa Page

Terrance Anthony White
"T.A.", Whitey, Turner Ashby
Washington, D.C.
Biology — Air Force

Pvt.-1; Cpl.-2; Sgt.-3; Lt.-4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1; 137 "Plus"; Captain of Varsity Football Team 1975.

Known to most as "T.A.", Terry is the spokesman of "137 plus". We know that if something is to be said, he will take care of it. As long as there aren't nuts involved, we can count on Terry for comment, criticism, and on occasion some valuable "info." Terry made his great debut as a freshman starting at defensive end and through the years rising to Captain of the 1975 Varsity Football team. Terry had a motto that he abided by as the VMI years trudged along, "If someone's going to be hurt, I'm not going to be the last." Between the Biology Bldg., partying, "T.M.'s" heart, & the Commandant's Office . . . well, what more can you say about a man like this. As long as he's got his class ring you can count on him to defend you no matter what the cause. "Go all the way with T.A."

Dykes: Class of 1973: Mac Bowman
Class of 1979: Jeryl Salmond
Gregg Weaver
Gary McNeil

Kenneth Dale Williams
"Punkins" "Mr. Bojangles" "Gunney"
Lawrenceville, Virginia
History, Naval Science

History, USMC-DNS, Cpl., Reg. Color Sgt; 1st Bat. S-3, Plc, Rugby Club, Ranger Platoon, Fire Fighters, Sport Parachute Club, Young Republicans Club, Timmon's Society, Member of Chuck Rock's Gang, Randy-Mac, Club.

Ken entered VMI with only one thing in his life — the USMC. Well the Corp is still important to "Punkin" but it now holds a sad second place. Even so it is proof of a man that he can pull top honors in something that no longer means quite so much.

But then Ken has always put everything he has into life. From the start he has taken a deep interest in the Institute and has successfully left his mark in the example he sets with his quiet, southern, gentlemanly qualities.

Always ready to help a friend, I believe it only fair that he has been blessed with a certain talented pretty young lady.

I'd like to wish Jeannie and Ken both the best of luck in the future but that would be superfluous since Ken always has made his own good luck.

Dykes, '73: Mike Kelley
'79: Larry Betz,
Magid Mansouri

Melvin Lamar Williams Jr.
"Mel," "Chugzen"
Richmond, Va.
Armor

The Road goes ever on and on
Down from the door where it began.
Now far ahead the Road has gone,
And I must follow, if I can,
Pursuing it with weary feet
Until it joins some larger way,
Where many paths and errands meet.
And whither then? I cannot say.

J.R.R. Tolkien

Dykes: Class of 1973: Stuart Seaton
Class of 1979: Raymond Vasquez
Mark Cheek

Richard Alan Williams
"Dick"
Kingsport Tennessee
History, Armor

Cpl 3; Sgt. 2; Cpt. 1; Regimental S-5; Debate 4, 3, 2, 1; Team Captain 2, 1; Militaria Society 4, 3, 2, 1; President 2, 1; Armed Forces Club 4, 3; Civil War Roundtable 2, 1; Firefighters 2; IRC, DMS.

Attention Panzer Leaders! Here is your commander. Yes, Dick has the fire, dash, and imagination to become a fine armor officer someday — an ambition he has long sought since childhood. His colorful costumes and dramatic charades in the room has provided many humorous hours of entertainment as he play-acted his fantasticle death wishes. But his real interests seem to lie between two opposing vocations if he decides to quit the army. Either as a bible-toting preacher or a gangster-slaying FBI Agent is what he feels his true call in life is. Despite his occasional flights of fancy and a touch of an abusive cynicism, Dick is a real down to earth fellow whose obsession with guns and conservative politics says something about his authoritarian personality. Dick will have a future that will make many envious, if he doesn't let his bad case of terminal flatulence stink up his ambitions.

Dykes: Don Doucher "73"
Brian Tollie "79"
Asghar Panirod "79"

William Edward Wolfe
"Bill" "Beak" "Muskie"
Boca Raton, Florida
History — Air Force

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 2; Firefighters 3, 2, 1; Young Republicans 4; Zoo Crew 3, 2, 1; Rum Truckers 2, 1; Sport Parachute Club 3; Blue Team 4; Wrecking Crew 2, 1; L.A. Study Room 4, 3, 2, 1.

What can one say about the suave and debonair Muskrat? Many things if one uses his extreme imagination! Who but the Muskrat can sleep almost 24 hours a day and still pull a 3.0?

Without the Muskrat and his beloved and famous nose the class of '76 would not be complete.

One thing is for certain, though, when Muskie walks across the stage on May 15, his parents will have a great amount to be proud of. We all wish you luck and success throughout your life. Good Luck, Muskrat.

Dykes: '73: E.D. Woomer
'79: Fred Floyd
Andy Neft

Surapan Wonthai
Toam
Bankok, Thailand
Civil Engineering — Artillery

American Society of Civil Engineering; Society of Physics Students; R.F.Y.L.; Dean's List Student; Academic Distinguished Student.

It all started during the summer of '73 when Toam first walked into Jackson Arch. Being a mature man, and quickly realizing what kind situation he was getting into, Toam set two goals. The first was to get a diploma in Civil Engineering and then get the Hell out of this forsaken hole in three years. To do this it meant three summer schools and three years of the real thing. But with slide rule in hand and a calculater for a mind Toam was able to accomplish this amazing feat in record time. So after three long years, the man is finally heading for that laid back, mellowed down, easy living of Bankok. Although the man is leaving, his dedication and spirit will remain as a guideline to those of us who must remain. Good luck Toam.

Dyke: '74: Perasak Srigungval

Lawrence Richard Wrenn III
Rick Rickie Kid Boy Rack out Wrenn
Chesapeake, Va.
Chemistry — Marine Air

Cpl., M/Sgt., Capt.; Swimming 4, 3, 2, 1; Honor Court 1; Plc 4, 3, 2, 1; Water Polo 4, 3, 2, 1; Brass Ensemble 4; ACS 4, 3, 2, 1.

First there was Rickie. Then there was Cathy. And then there was the Jarheads. Somewhere along the way, Rickie and the Jarheads converged on VMI. Now everybody knows that behind every successful man there's a woman. Well, Rickie and Cathy decided he needed someone behind him even before he became a success. A backstrocker with Joyce's Frogmen, Rickie's "Big Break" came when he saw a poster saying something about Marines and good men. Not being too bright, Rickie thought it had to be somehow connected with the water and swimming. Why else would they shave his head? Too late, he found out about those two summers at Quantico and some oriental fighting, Gung Ho (Is that anything like Kung Fu, Rick?). Now Rick, we know it wasn't Cathy in that Annual picture Rat Year, but who was that guy?

Dykes: '73: Tim Hughey
'79: Terry Fox
Donald Stapbuck

Anthony William Young

"Sugar Bear", "The Grinch"
Biology, Infantry

Sugar Bear bounced from the confident, free-spirited, cool breeze life of a small town in the sunshine state into the slightly more lackluster life of VMI. But somehow he adapted; and accomplished this without losing his confidence and free spirit, no mean feat.

Although he has had to face disappointments, he has continued to set his standards and goals high — perhaps this is why it has been such an uphill struggle. Yet even through all this he has kept his self confidence and continued on, and this is the true sign of one who will meet success.

Many are the experiences we have had together so to an honest friend from the other, "2/3rds" of the Golden Triangle we wish him success whatever his endeavors.

Dykes: '73 Dave Swab
'79 Jim Crossman
Sea Eslami

Thomas Carlyle Morris Zeugner

Zeug, Zeuggie, Paddlefoot, I.M. Impressed, Deerslayer
Petersburg, Virginia
English — Armor

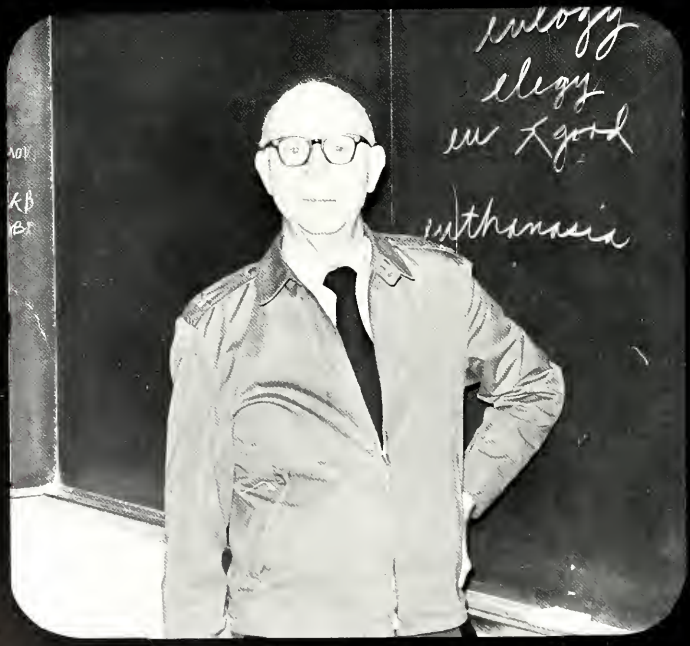
Varsity Swimming 4, 3, 2, 1, Co-Capt. 1; Cpl. 3; Caving and Mountaineering 4; Young Republicans 4; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Bufu 3, 2, 1; 200 Dollar Club 3; Lip-Rippers 1; Ameba Crew 3, 2, 1; Wrecking Crew 2, 1; Rum Truckers 2, 1; Recondo 1.

When the Zeug isn't in the water helping to win some meets, he is running around the barracks raising Hell. Who else could wear gold sneakers every day for three years and not get caught. Also, a hat 3 sizes too large and over his ears made him easily recognizable. His most serious studies include running the block, Field and Stream, and Shooting Times. T.C.M. always manages to have a nice looking party girl for all the hops and is famous for his smooth one liners. Zeug is not always partying though; as holder of some varsity records, All Southern Conference, and a Co-Captain, his Motto is "No Pain — No Gain". He is a veteran of 15 years of competitive swimming. His riotous actions, quick quips, and snappy comebacks bring back many memories. Zeug, may the remainder of your life see much hunting, fishing, girls, and happiness.

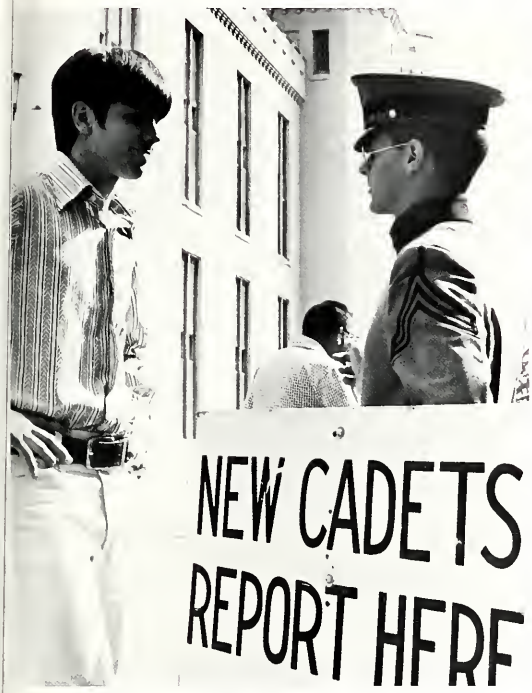
Dykes: '73: Tom Clarke
'79: Mike Mullins
Bill Sarvay

In Memoriam

LTC Stacy C. Harris



Col. Herbert N. Dillard



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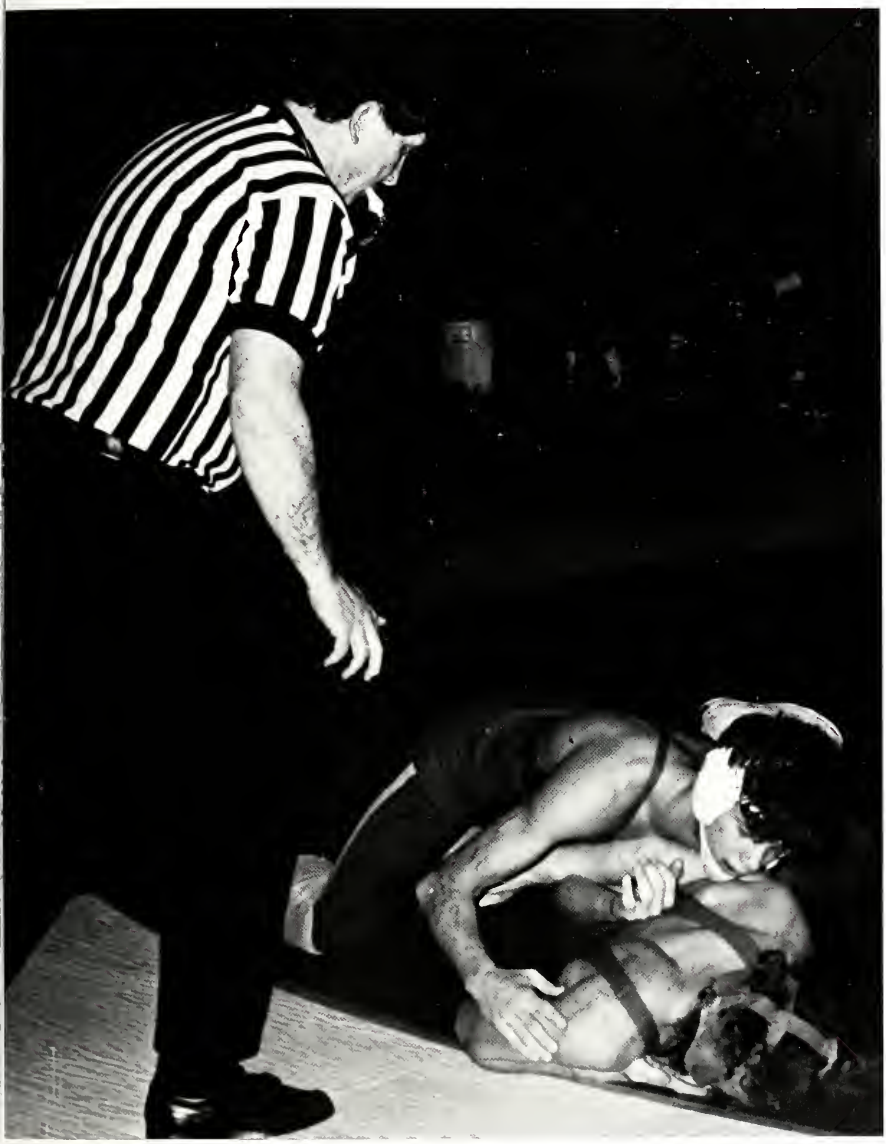

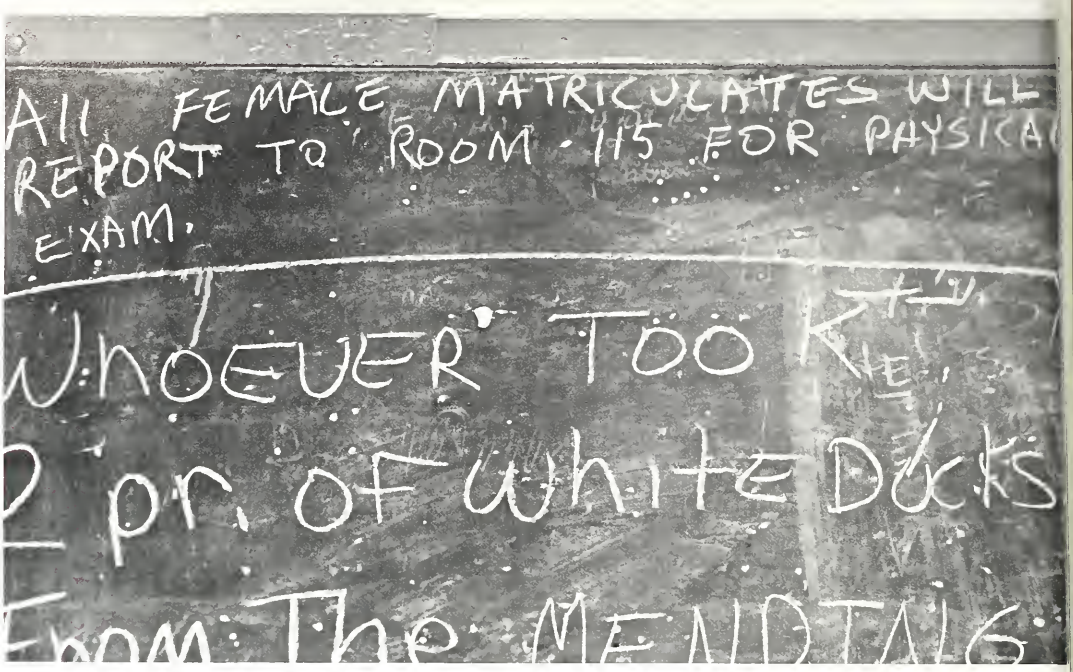
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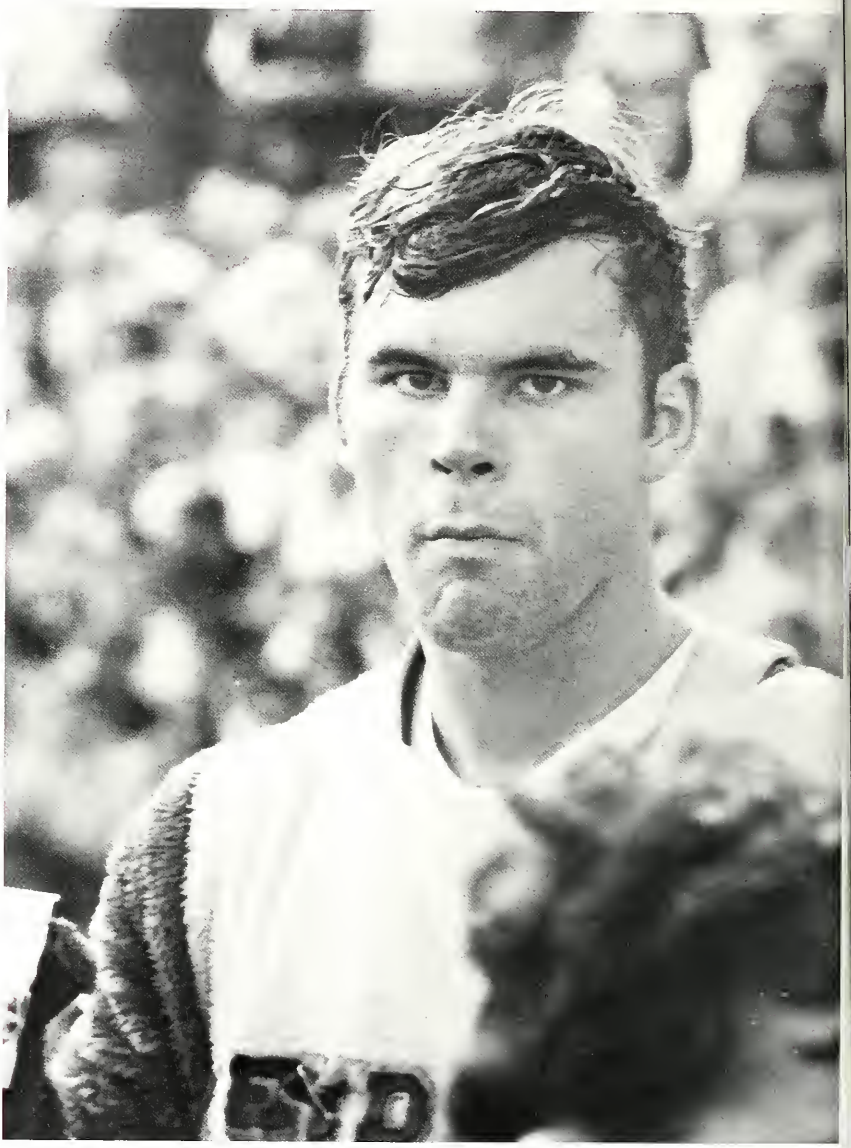

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The Class Of 1977

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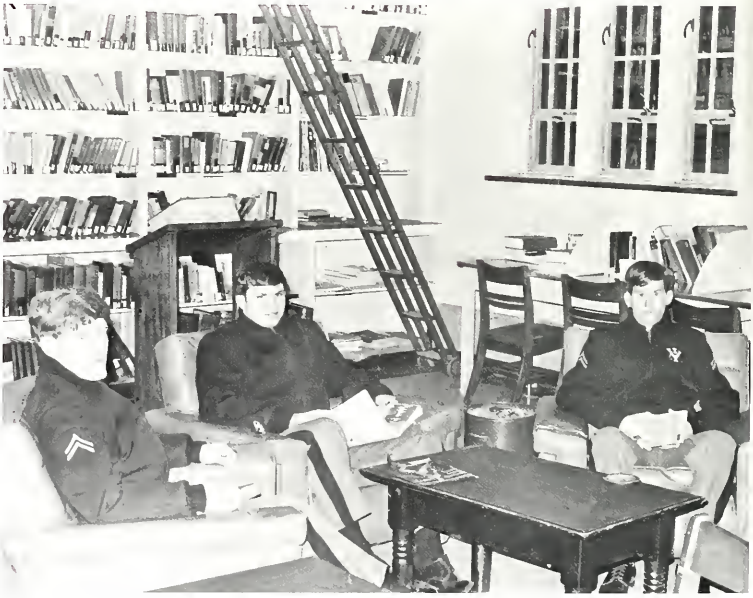
John Cutright — **Historian**



"Consilio Et. Animis"

These words embody in a special way the personality of the Class of 1977

. . . Courage to identify with the V.M.I. ideal, wisdom to understand it.

Our Ratline became the subject of intense debate when newspapers publicly questioned the V.M.I. lifestyle. The administration felt public pressure to reform the Ratline, and the First Class seriously considered boycotting it. We were caught in the middle and had to endure the agony of compromise. It would have been easy to embrace public opinion, to have appealed to the administration. Instead, we chose to affirm the principles underlying the Ratline. We gained courage from the experience, courage to overcome subsequent adversities.

Upon the return of our Third Class year we learned that we had lost Bill Kirkpatrick, to an accident which left him paralyzed and in a wheelchair. In many ways the courage which allowed him to persevere typifies our class. This, however, was not the only obstacle which we would face; in the middle of the year we lost the services of the class historian.

One of the attributes of wisdom is the ability to look beyond the insignificance of one's own problems, to look beyond one's selfish desires and needs. This quality was manifested when everyone contributed to a class ring for our vice president ex officio. It was shown in the small but needed time and effort put forth by our class the night before Ring Figure. These are only intimations, but they suggest the ideas, beliefs, and actions which embody our attitude towards V.M.I. and towards life.

"Wisdom", wrote Goethe, "is found only in truth." Next year our class must gain the wisdom to enculcate the Rats with those necessary qualities which will enable them to give of themselves selflessly, to courageously see life in all of its facets, and, most of all, to see themselves for what they truly are.

J.C.

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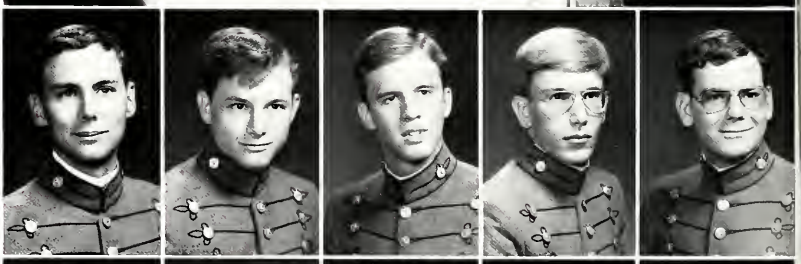

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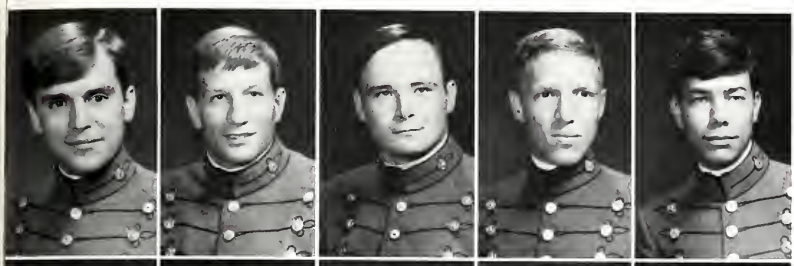

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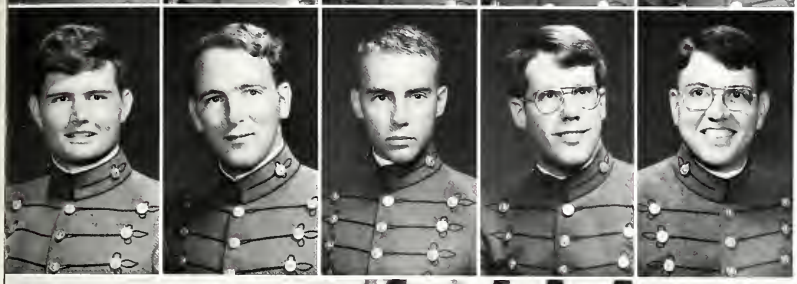

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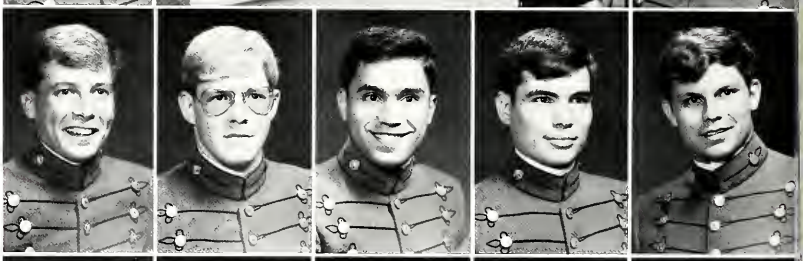

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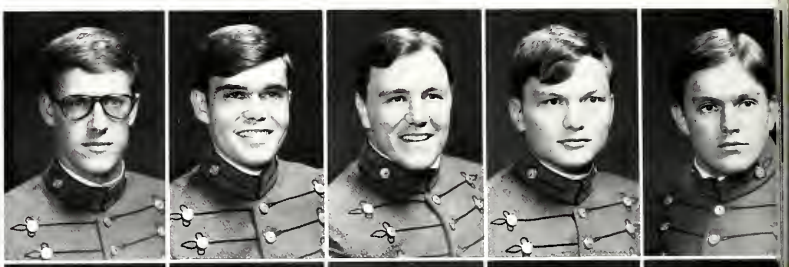

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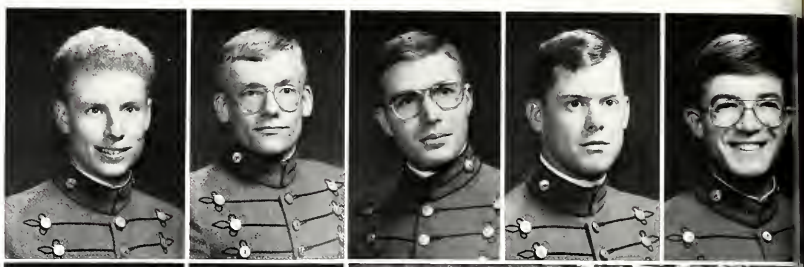

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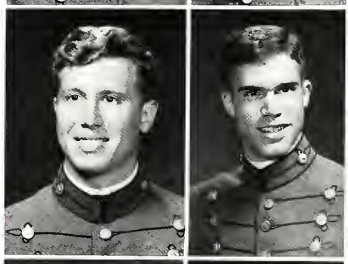

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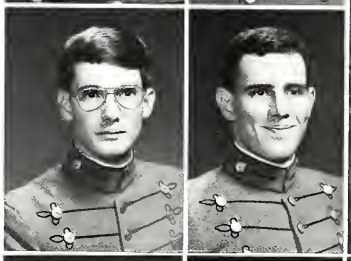

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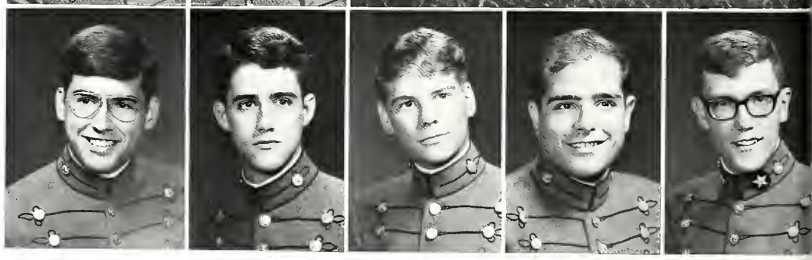

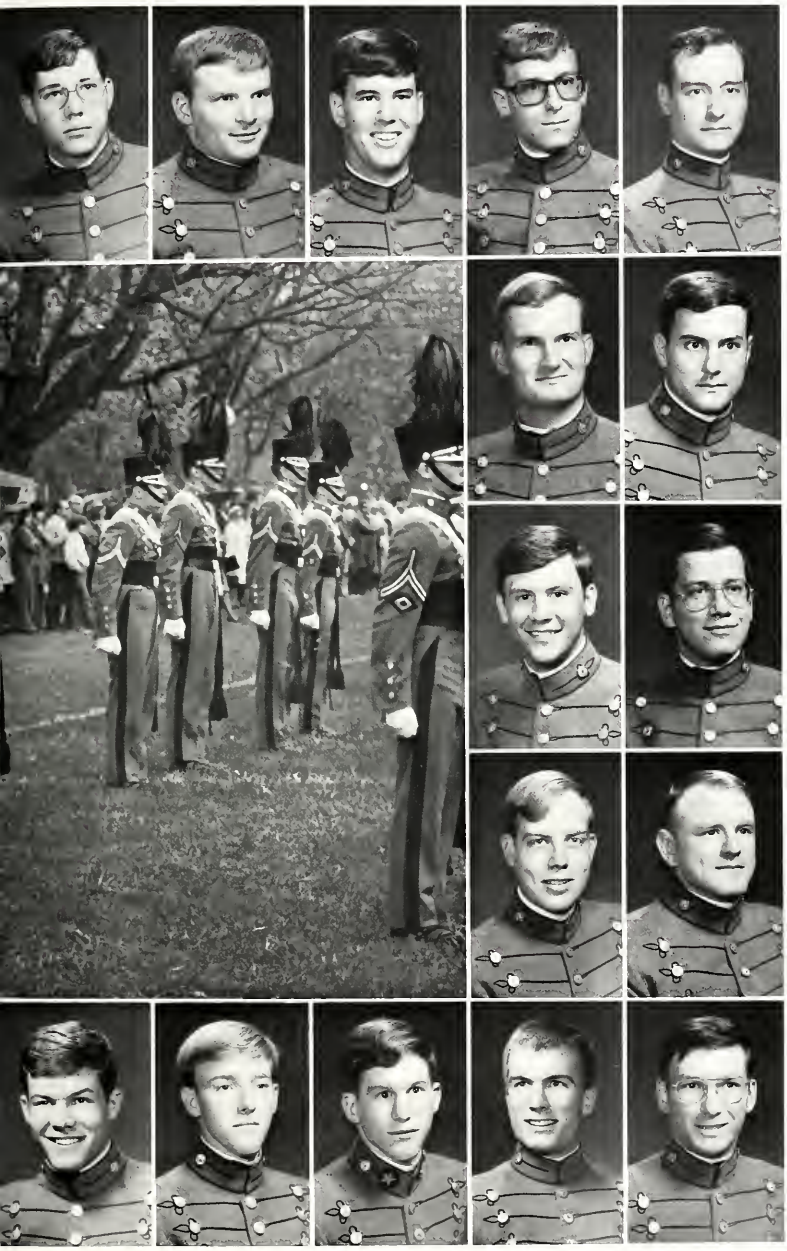

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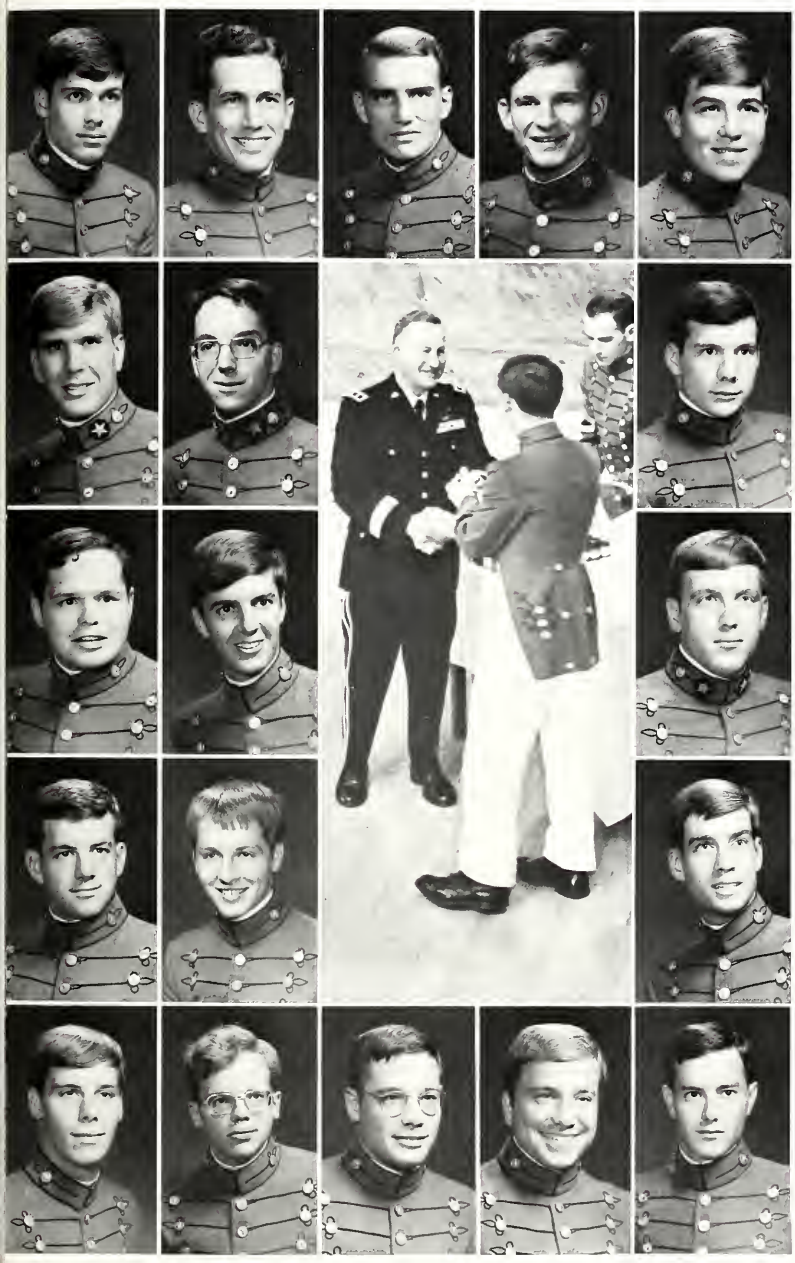

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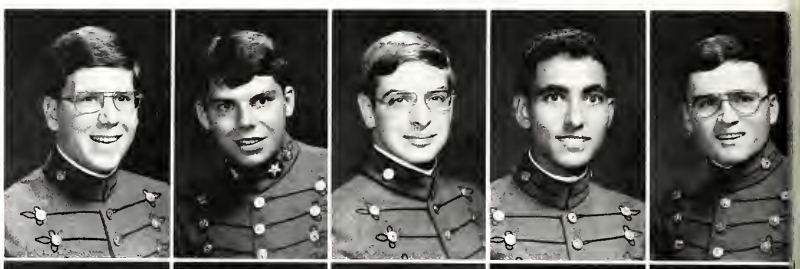

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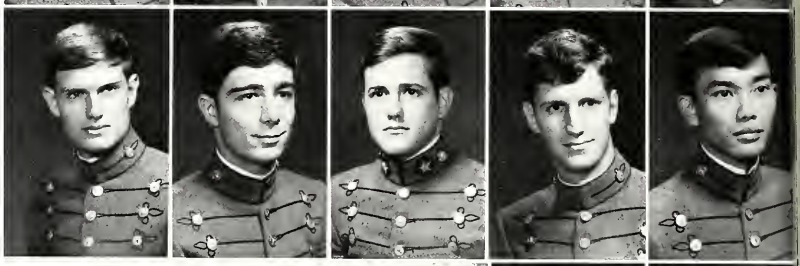

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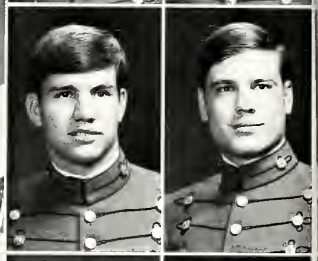

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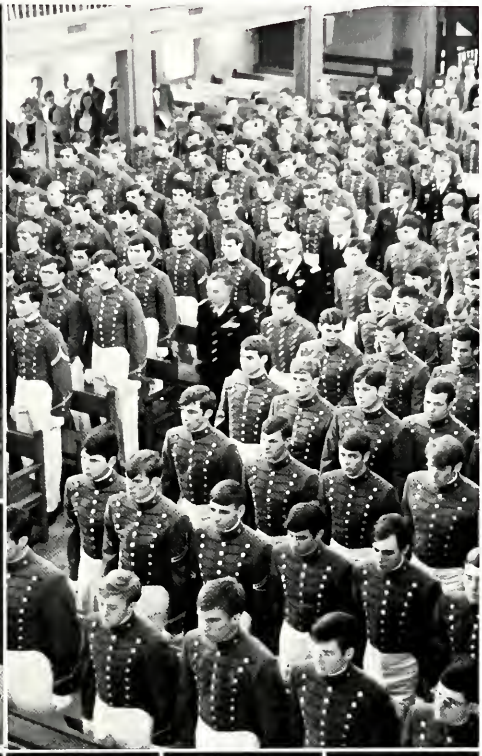

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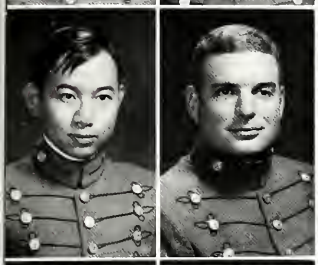

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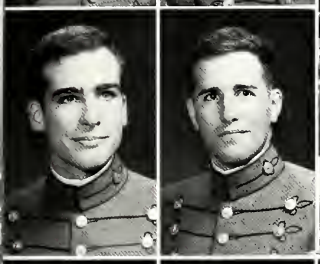

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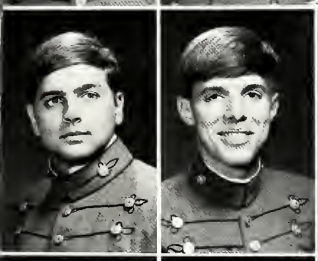

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It is indeed a difficult task to write the history of a class at V.M.I. Like any other group of people, a class is composed of individuals, each pursuing his own goals and ambitions.

With the new responsibility of the Ratline we witnessed a surfacing of conflicting points of view. There were those who enforced the Ratline and those who did not, but the prevading attitude of its necessary purpose spurred us on. Our own supposed weak Ratline has left us open for criticism, but that is a meaningless denunciation. This negative attitude has served to strengthen our class, forcing us to grow closer together and closer to our dykes.

Although we are a class of individuals, it is our common interests, our common questioning of the rules, which brings us together. Perhaps, we are not seeking the same answers, perhaps we are not asking the same questions. The spirit which binds us is not something which can be defined with specific incidents. There is an enduring sense of brotherhood which prevails over and against our differences, it is this spirit which gives us direction.

We cannot be held back by an undue concern with the past; we are a class, will continue to strive for our common goal of unity.

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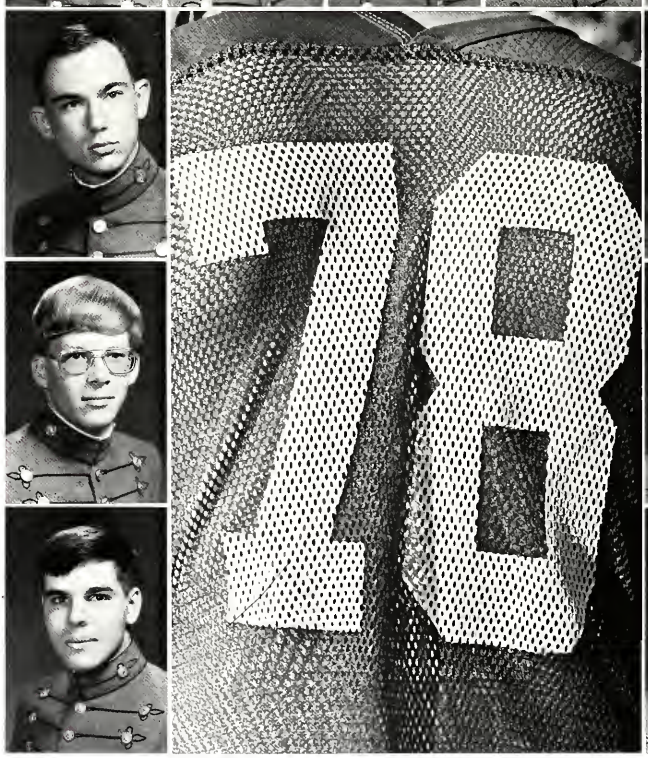

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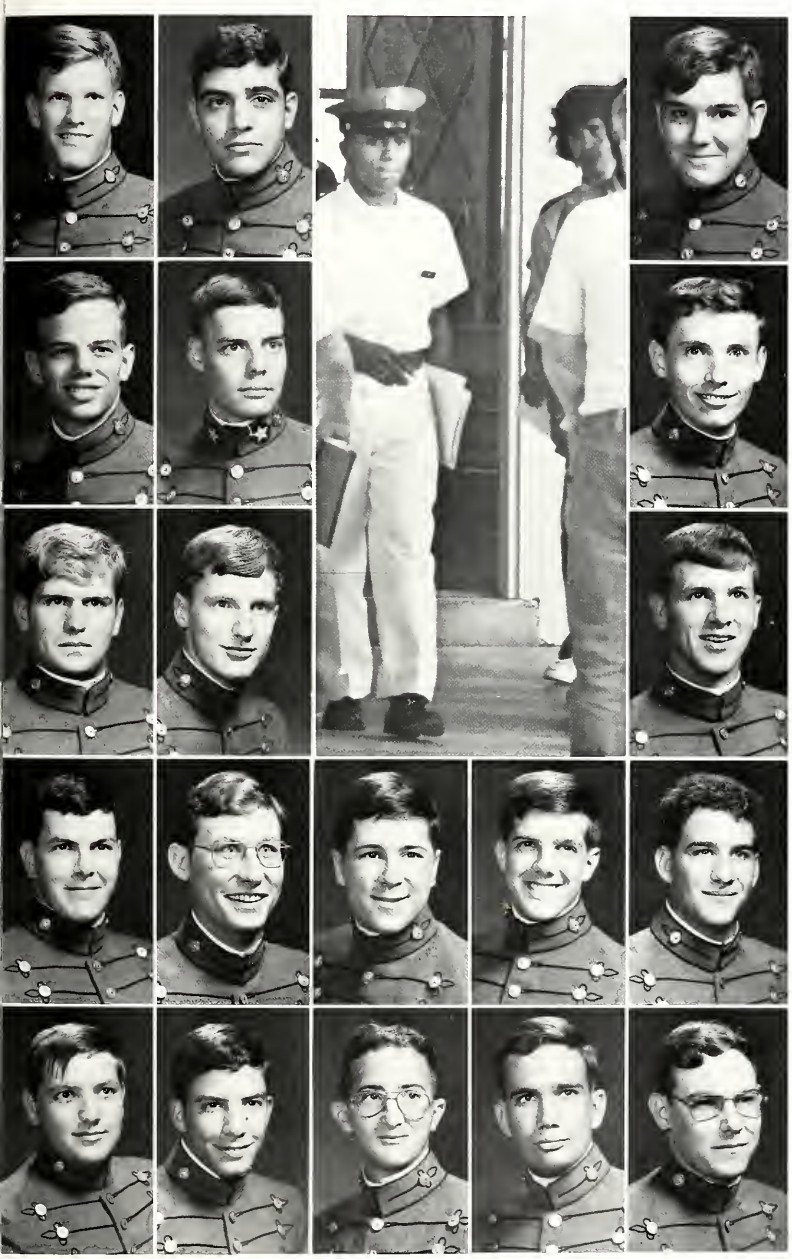

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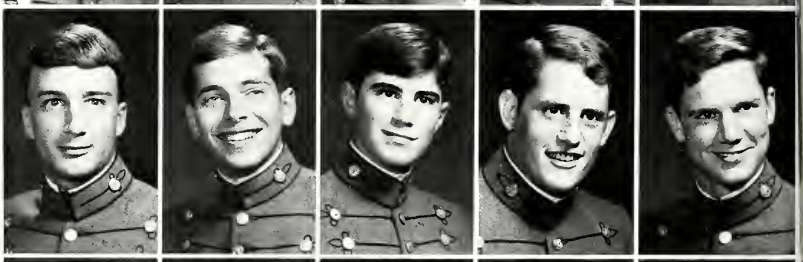

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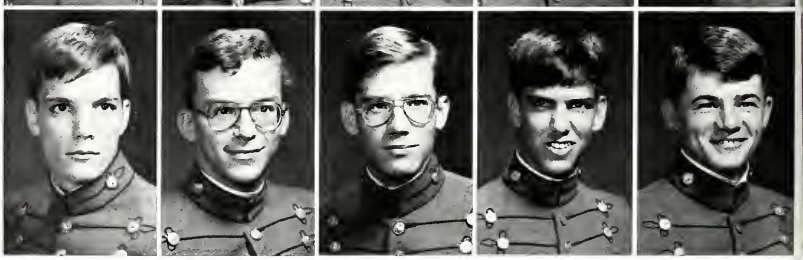

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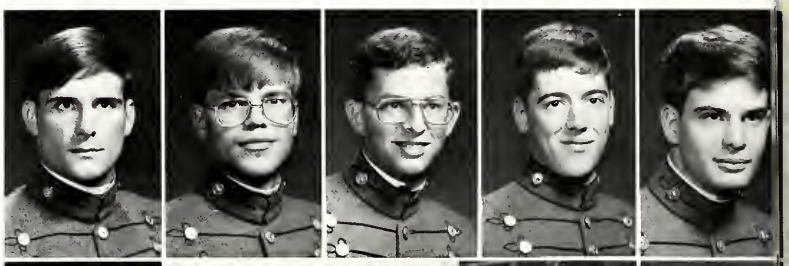

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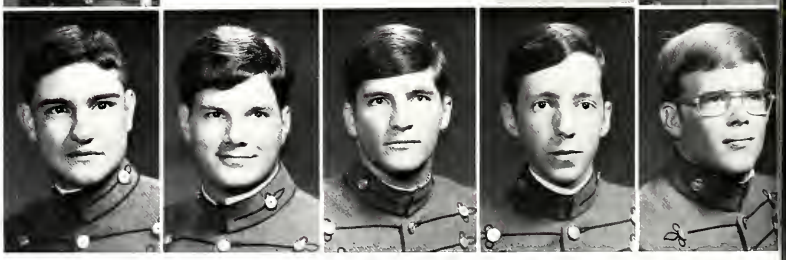

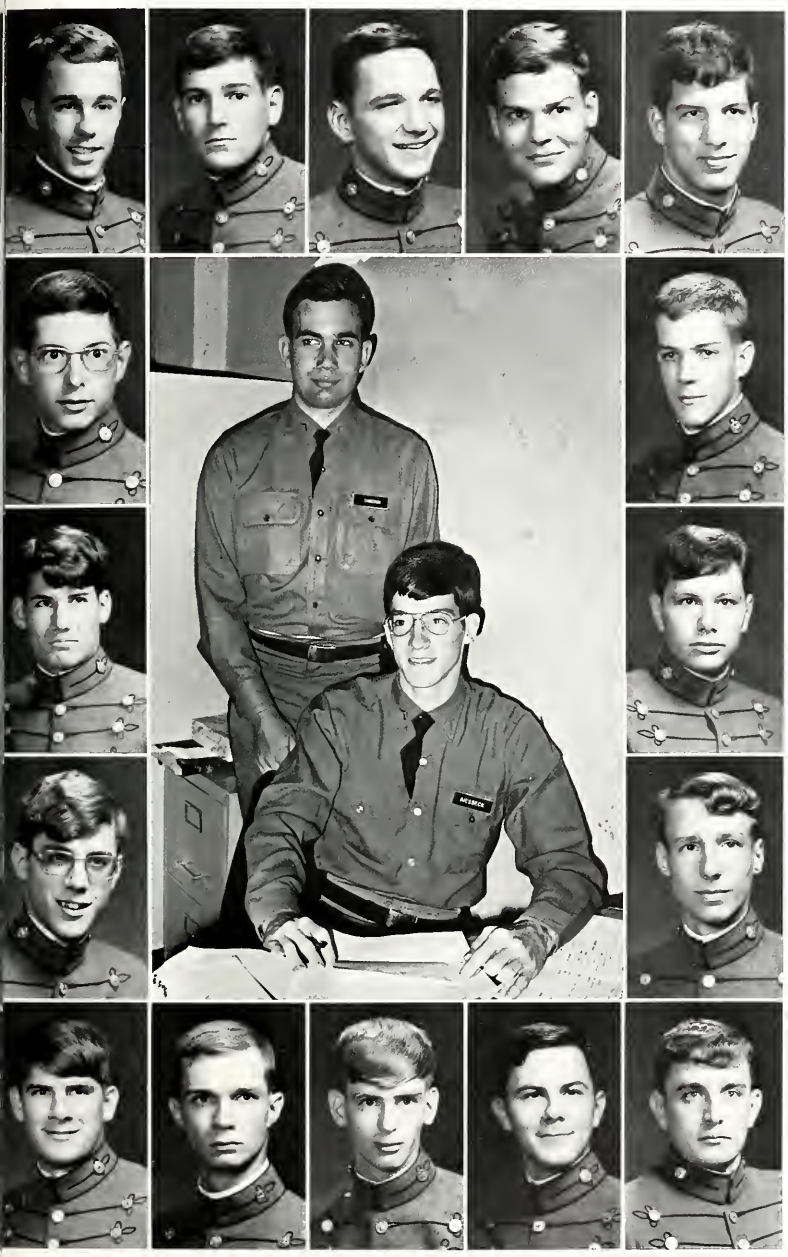

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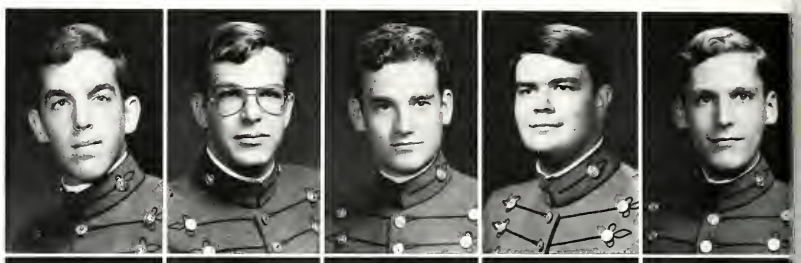

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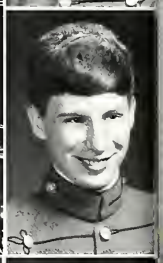

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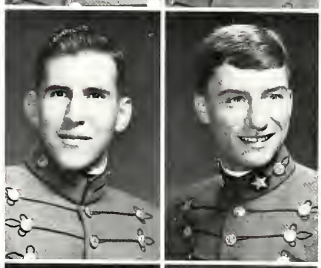

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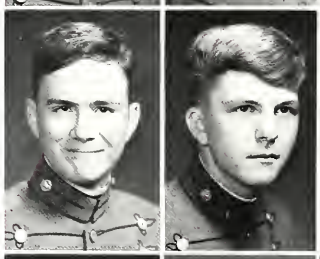

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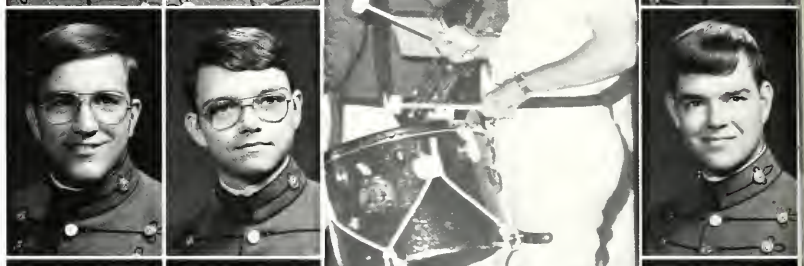

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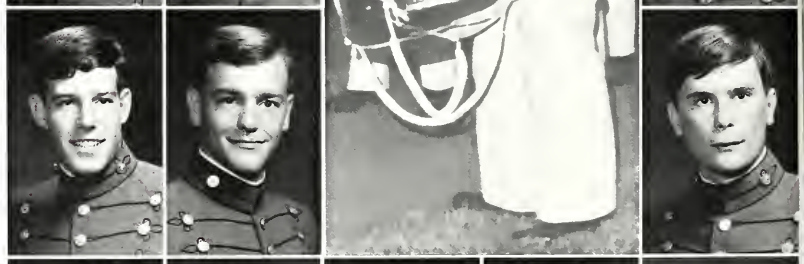

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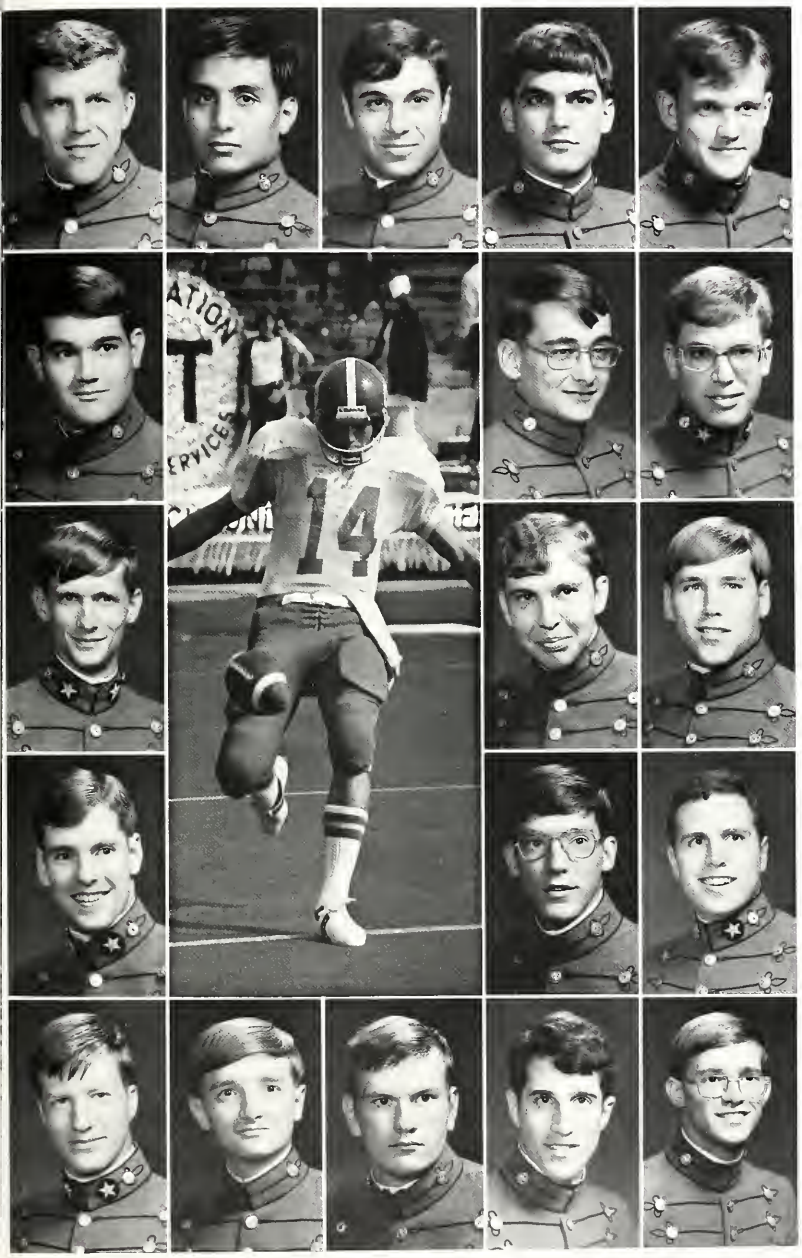

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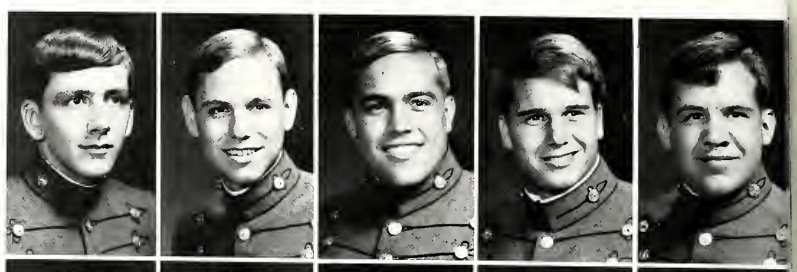

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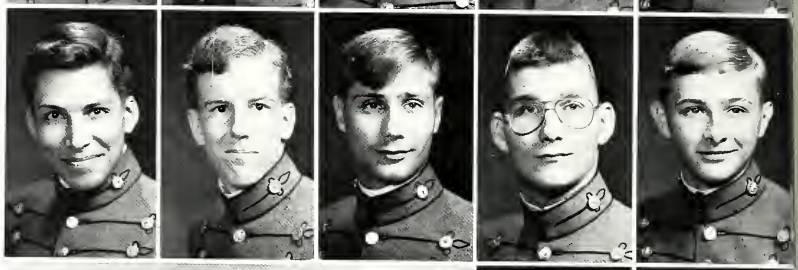

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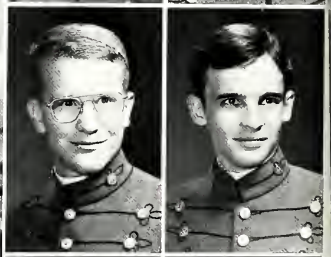

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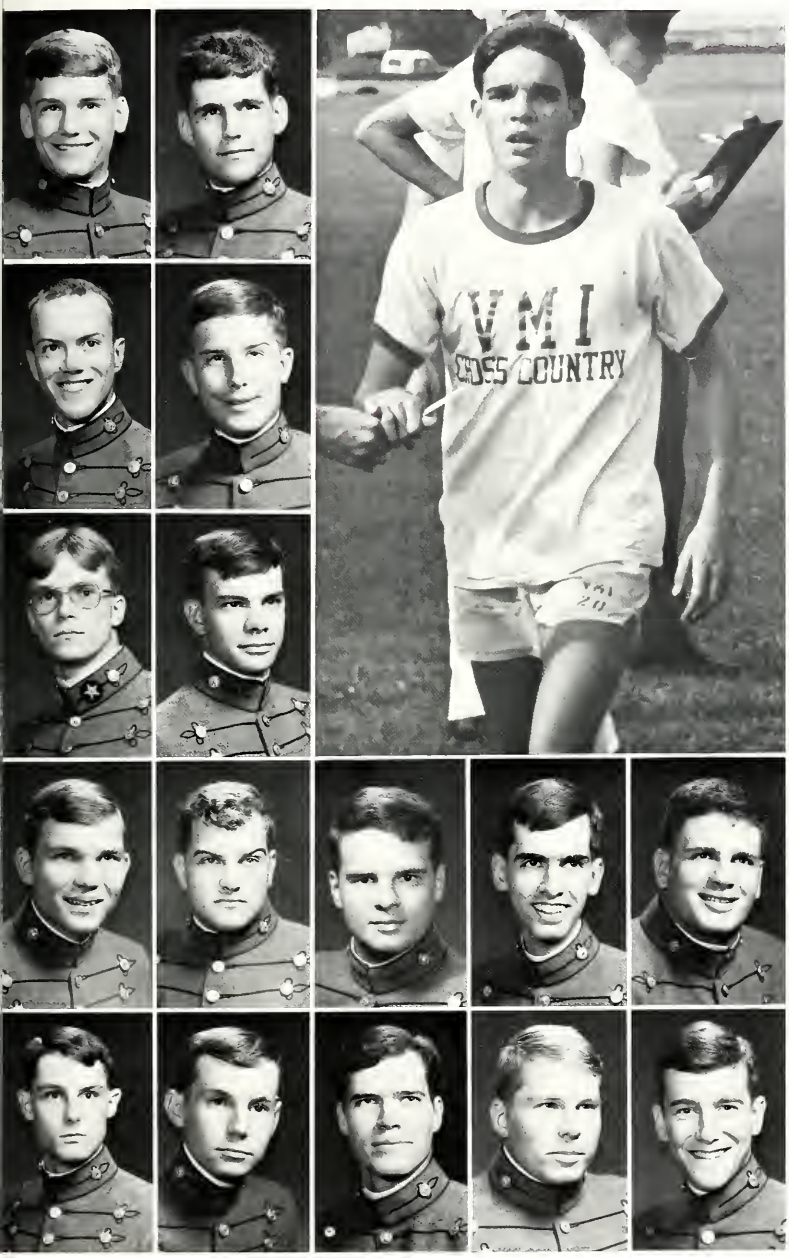

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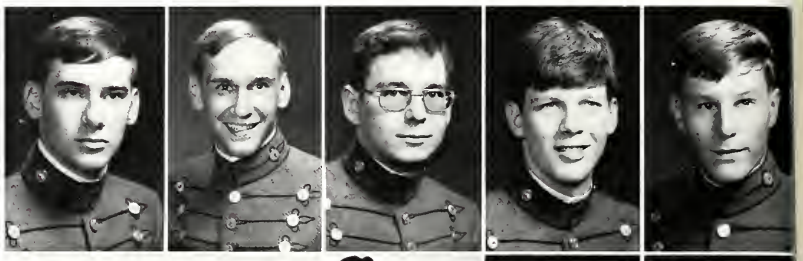

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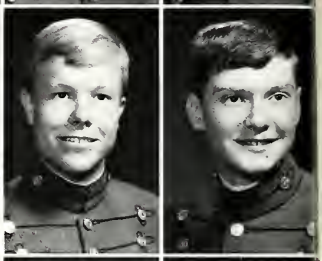

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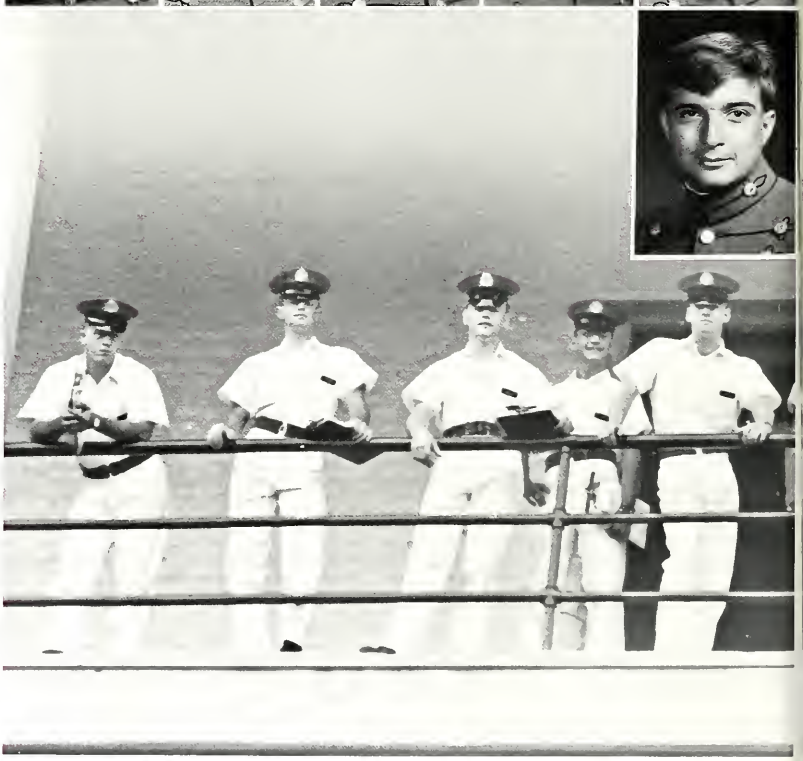

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The Class Of 1979.

It has been said that the distinctive quality present ı VMI men is the Brother Rat spirit. The spirit is intan- ible and enigmatic; it is the force which takes men om a myriad of times and places and makes them rothers. The ratline is only the beginning of the pro- ess which transforms total strangers into Brother ats and, eventually, VMI men. Because of its interna- onal character, the Class of 1979 faced tremendous bstacles in its quest to become a true brotherhood in ıe VMI tradition, obstacles which would have proven ısurmountable anywhere else. Their ratline was tradi- onal, vigorously inculcating them with the spirit. In ıis strenuous environment the individual was forced ɔ look in and through himself to see the greater mean- ıg of his circumstance. After much labor and much acrifice the Class formed; the brotherhood of like- ıinded men was established. The first step has been aken in the arduous pilgrimage to manhood, whose nd is the incomparable fraternity of VMI men.

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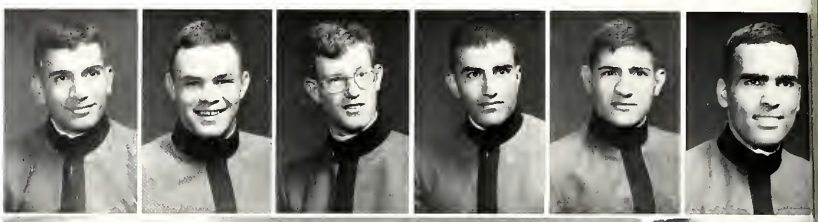

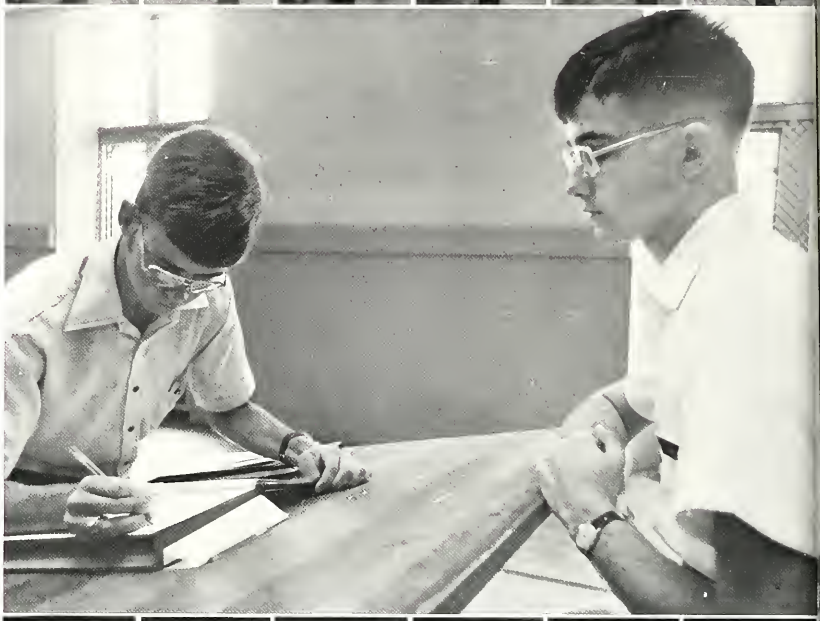

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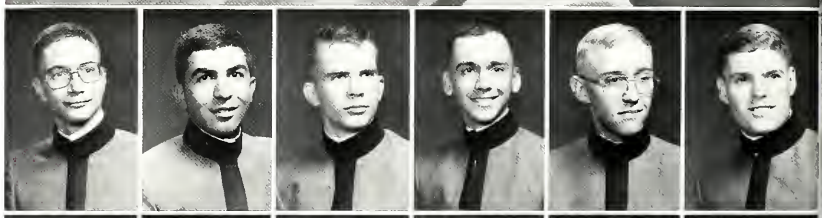

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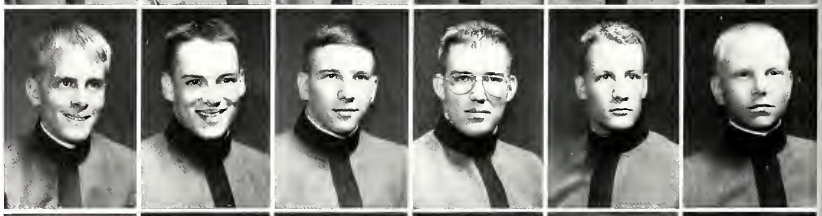

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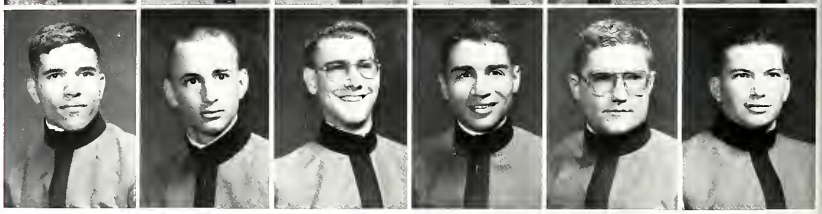

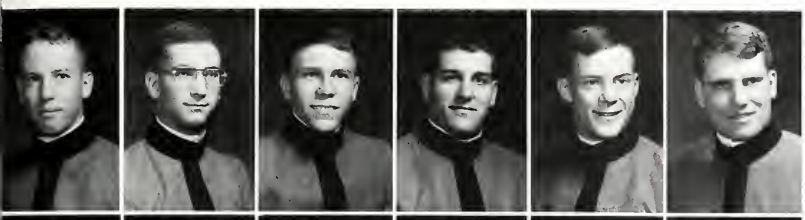

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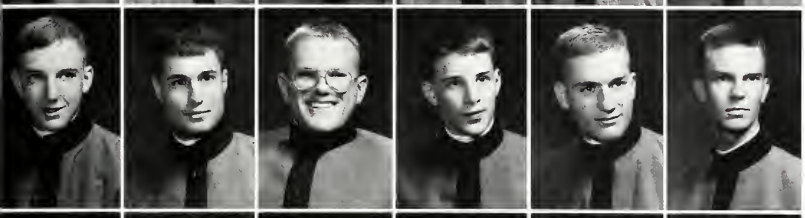

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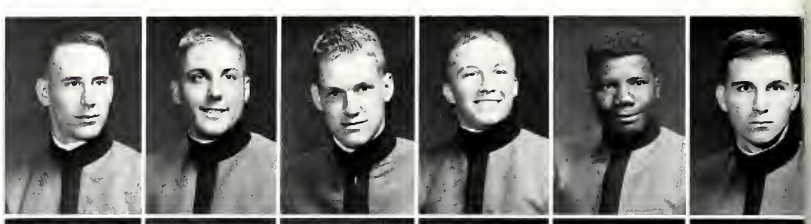

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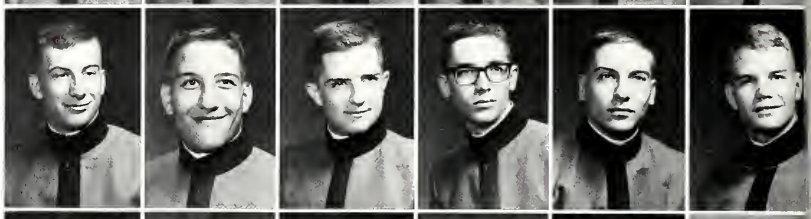

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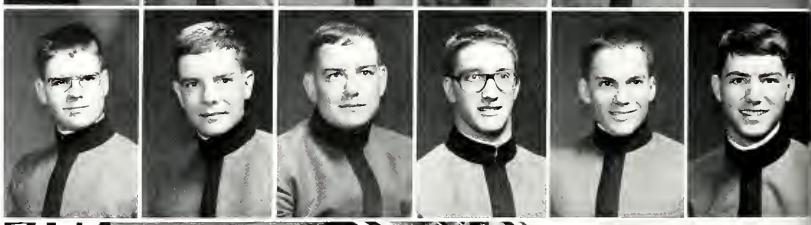

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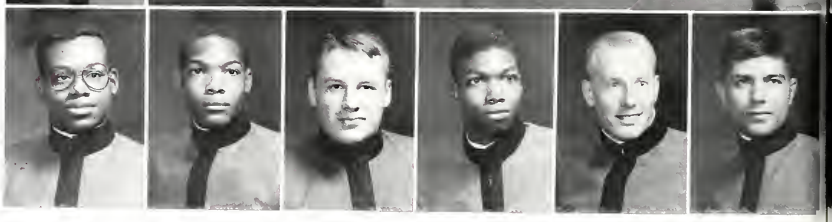

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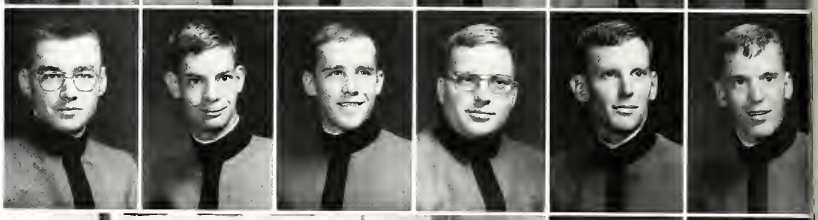

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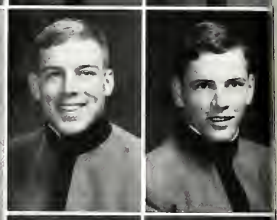

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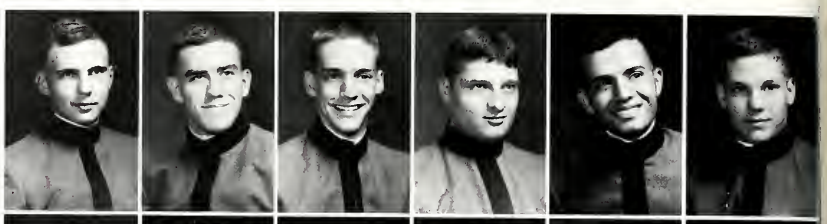

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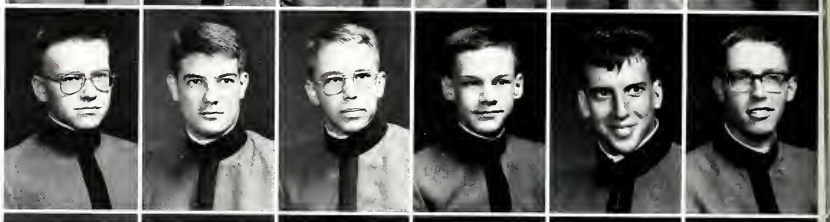

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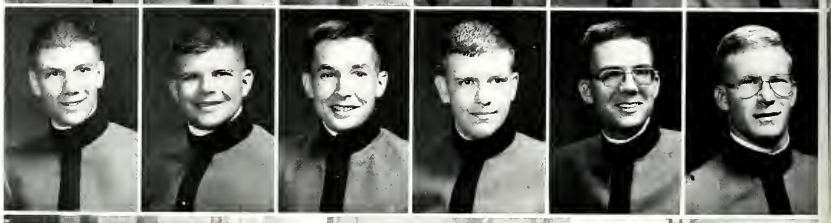

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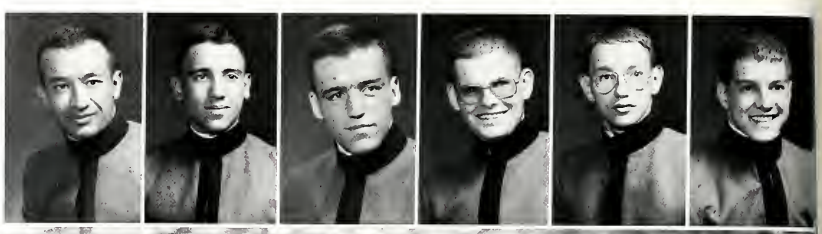

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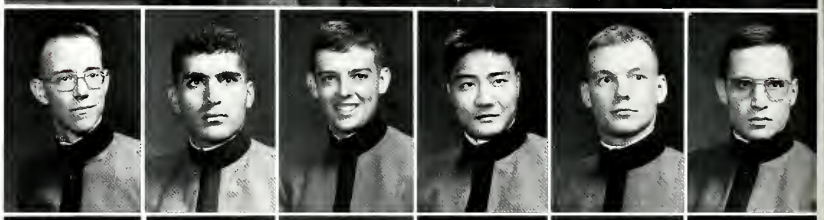

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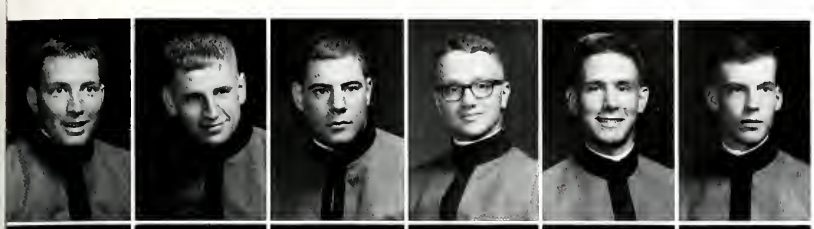

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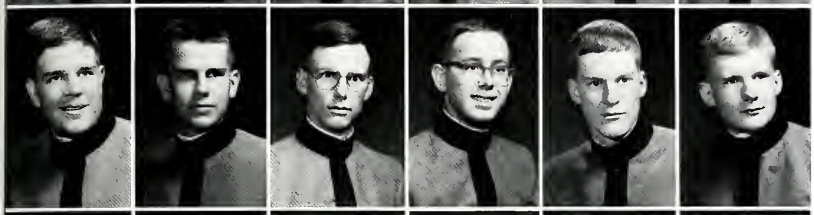

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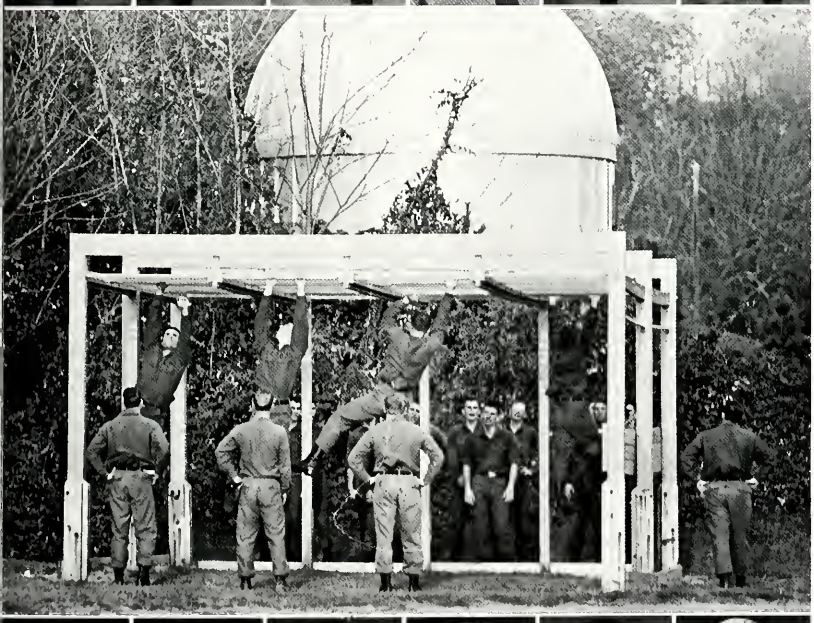

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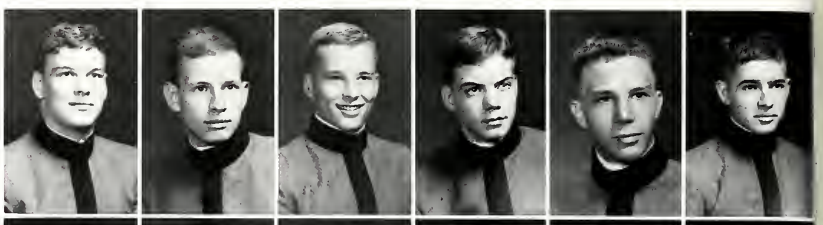

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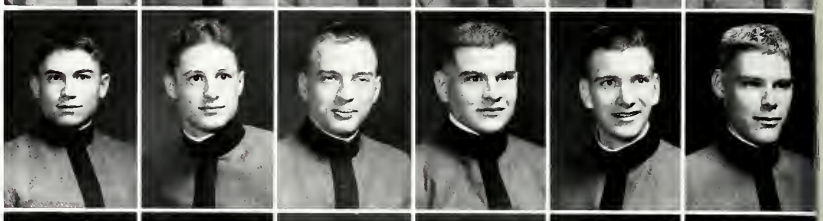

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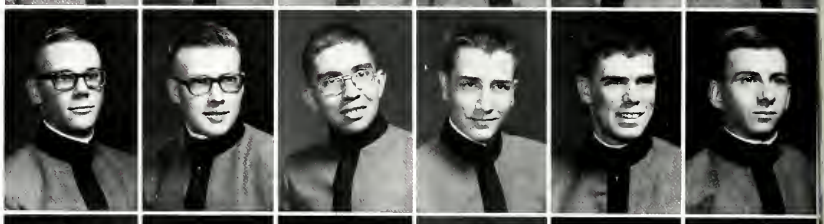

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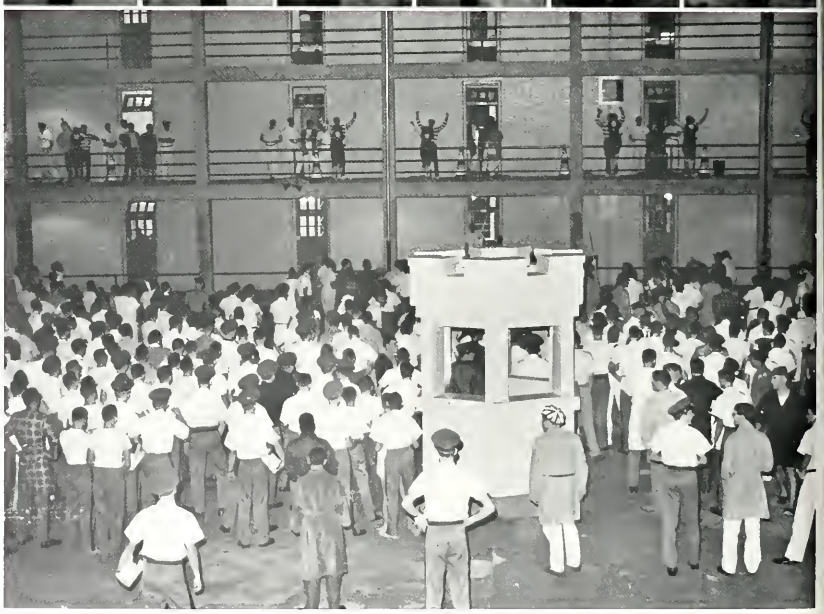

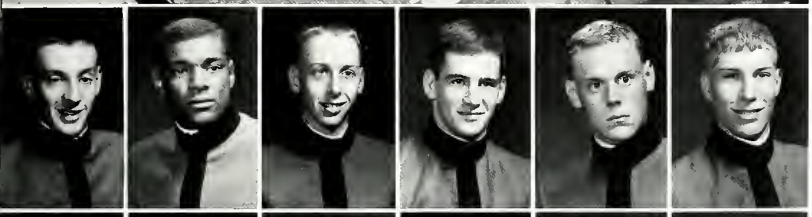

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THE OLD CORPS

Dear Mother:

I am once again a prisoner within the walls of VMI. I arrived here safely yesterday and it has been a constant source of regret to me ever since.

– Beverly Stannard
New Market Cadet
1864

n the past, the Corps section has been noth-
ng more than a simple representation of the
adet rank structure. No attempt was made to
onvey what the Corps and its functions mean
o the cadets involved. Men must live within a
nilitary system, and so, this year we have
ried to show both the highly ceremonial and
he grossly mundane aspects of life within the
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Rodney Haye
Greg Speaker
Gerry Latoni
Norm Cole
Dave Heatwole
Carol Warner
Steve Allen

DELTA COMPANY

Company Commander - L. David Fielder
Executive Officer - Michael L. Camden
Second Lieutenant - H. A. Curle Jr.
Second Lieutenant - Thomas C. Moody, Jr.
Second Lieutenant - J. Allen McCarthy, Jr.
Second Lieutenant - Michael J. Gross
First Sergeant - Stephen E. Fontaine
Master Sergeant - Michael R. Meise

Chip Deyerle
Bill Danzeisen
John Street
Jerry Eggleston
Dave Bright
Wayne Eastham
"Toe" Tufaro
Ben Weaver
Henry Foresman
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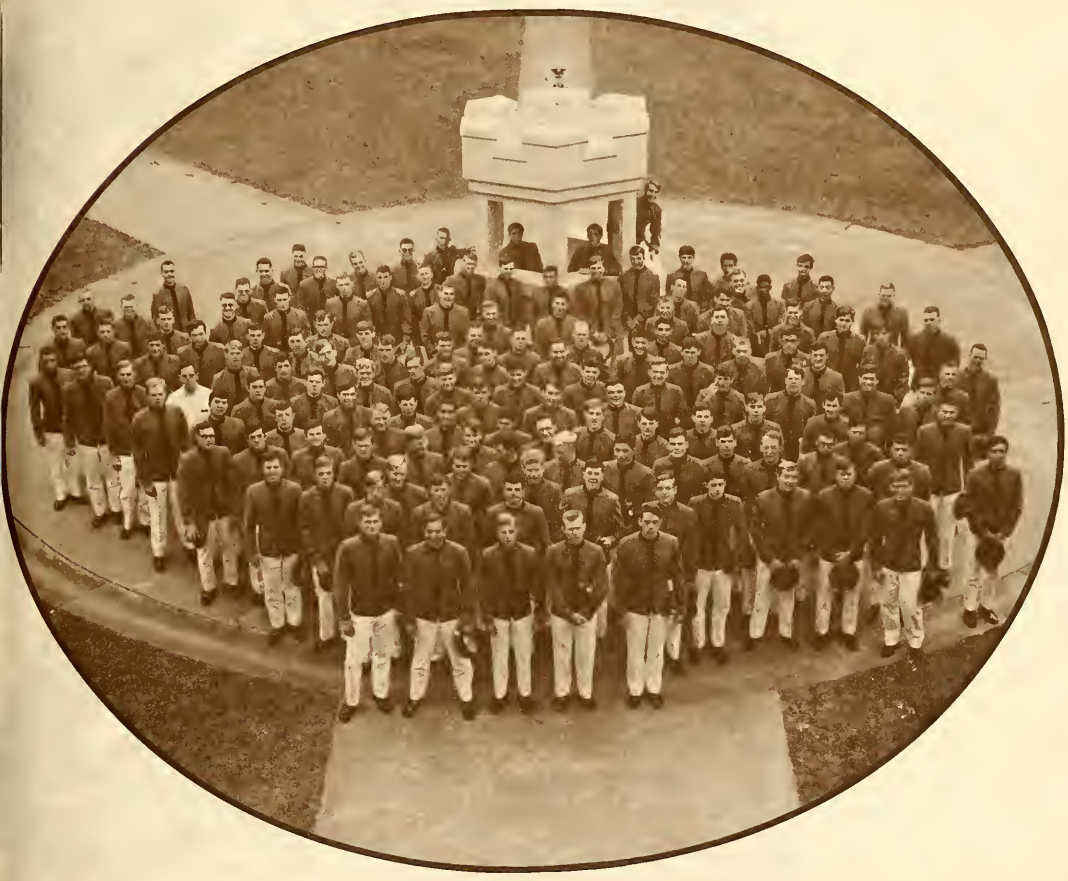

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Master Sergeant - John R. Robertson

Jim Joustra
Pete Friesen
Bob Gleason
Carrington McVeigh
Doug Hines
Bill Favier
Rick Biram
Andre Konecznay
Ted Carr
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Charlie Aycock
Ky Thrift
Duff Joseph
Jim Dittrich
Tom Watjen
Dave Miles
Hunt Ozmer
Nick Tarzia
Jim Puckette
Richard Hayes

FOXTROT COMPANY

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Executive Officer – Ivan N. M. Ardan
Second Lieutenant – Frank L. Estis
Second Lieutenant – James K. Martin
Second Lieutenant – Michael G. Conley
Second Lieutenant – H. Lee Bradshaw
First Sergeant – James T. Johnson
Master Sergeant – William A. Short
Guidon Bearer – Michael E. Linaberry

Rod Hottle
Ken Ray
John Harman
Mark Havelin
Mike Linaberry
J. B. Kirk
Kurt Luckenbill
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BAND COMPANY

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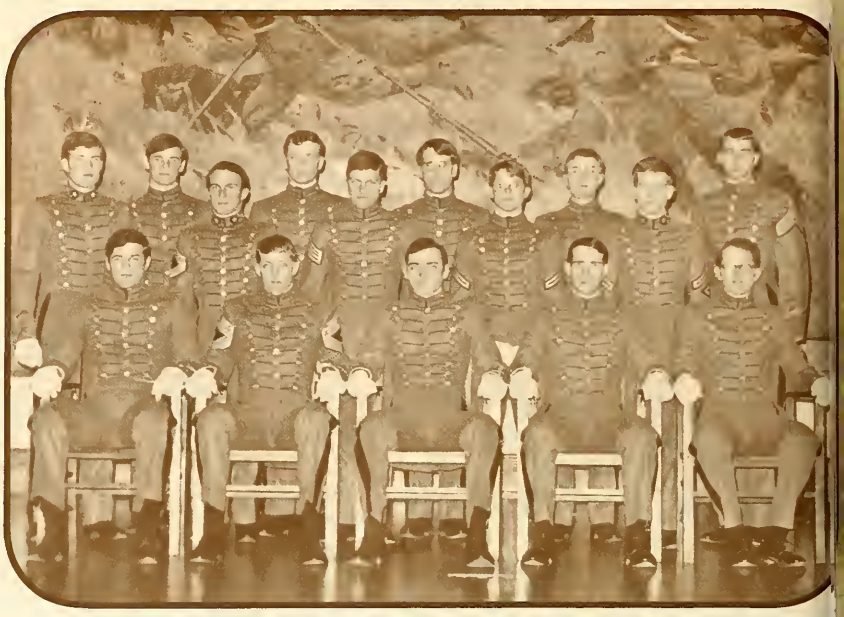


The Honor Code is one of the facets of VMI life that seperates the Institute from all other colleges. No other student body places itself under the same strict and unyielding concept of honor as does the Corps. The code is but a concept on paper and in the minds of the cadets of VMI. The Honor Court is the physical manifestation of that concept. The Honor Court is chosen by the Corps. The task of enforcing the code falls upon them, just as the task of upholding the code falls on the Corps.

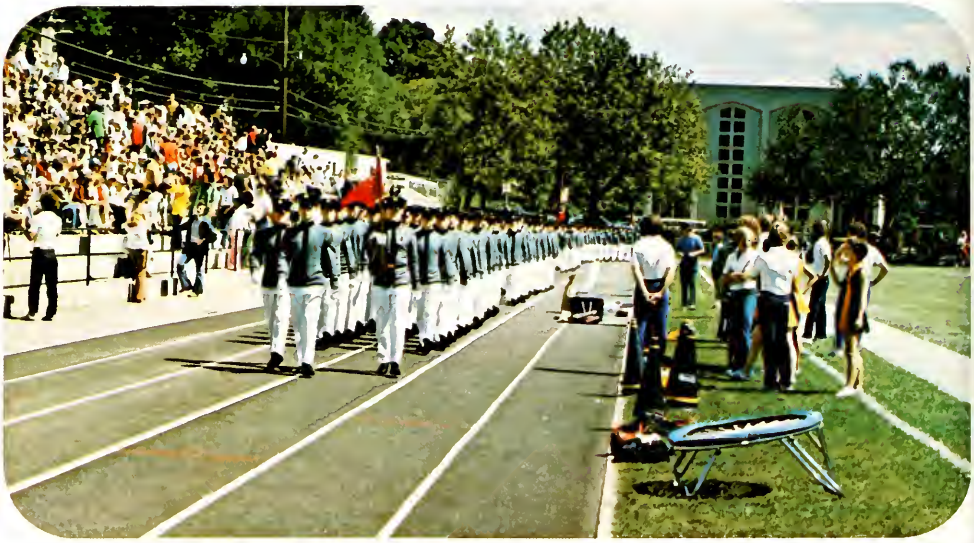
THE GENERAL AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

'he Institute sets stringent rules to govern the conduct of the Corps, but the 'orps also polices itself with the General Committee and the Executive 'ommittee. The GC enforces class privileges, while the EC governs cadet onduct.

THE RAT DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The Ratline is an integral part of VMI. A cadet is molded by his ratline experiences. The Rat Disciplinary Committee is the arm of the First Class that enforces the Ratline and creates a set of lasting memories for the Rat.

PLAYBOY



SOCIAL

Homecoming Court

upper right: Miss Lisa Kavanaugh FOXTROT
lower right: Miss Cande Critchlaw ECHO
lower left: Miss Bobbie Turner CHARLIE

upper left:	Miss Susan Smith	DELTA
upper right:	Miss Zodie Lavender	ALPHA
lower left:	Miss Jane Pultz	BAND

The Homecoming Queen

Miss Catherine Maddox — BRAVO

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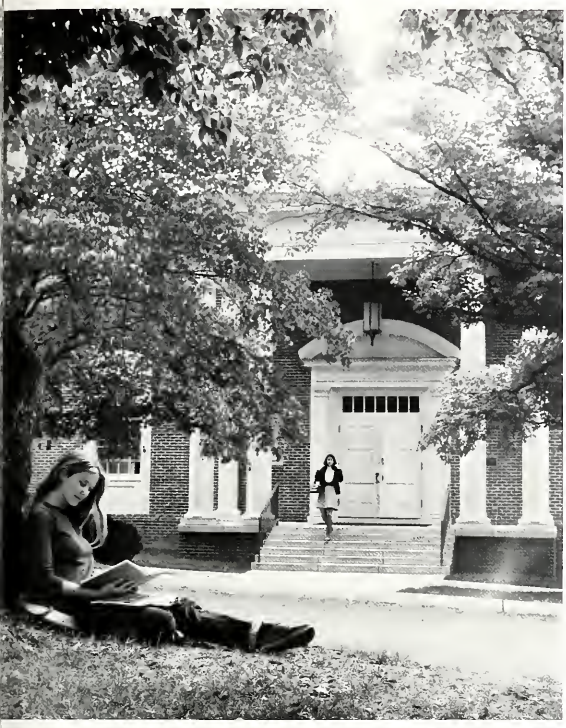
A Rememberance Of Things Past . . .

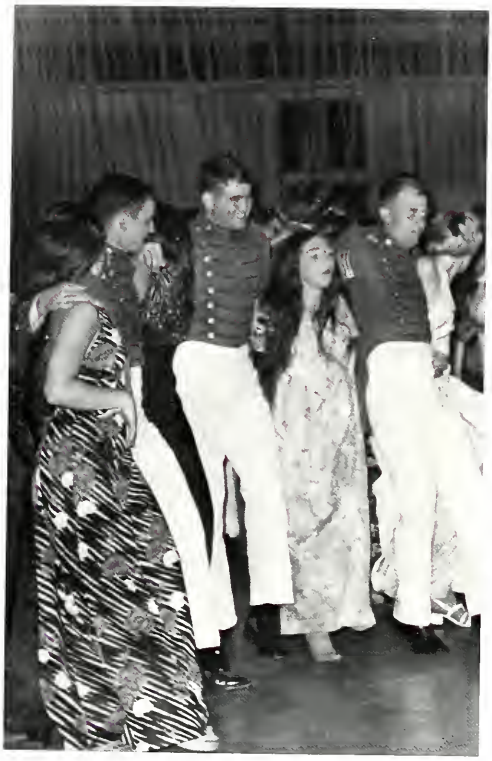
A Testimony . . .

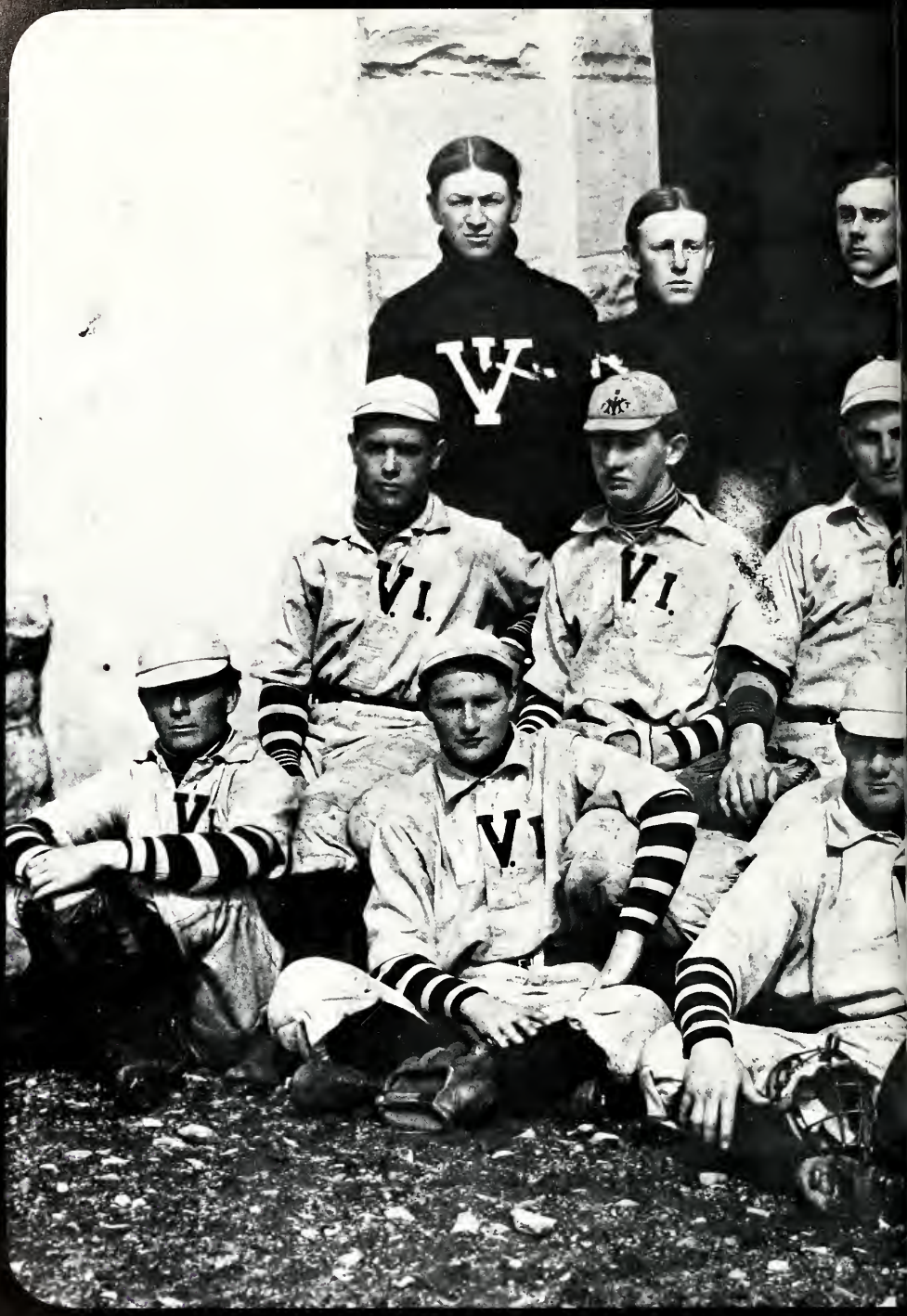
An invitation to the obscure,
Accepted by the Individual,
Accomplished by the class

More than this, a commemoration of the bond between us

. . . And a celebration of things to come.



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SPORTS

FALL SPORTS

RUGBY

RUGBY TEAM

Lawrence Tayon — President
Tom Moody — Treasurer

Names like Van Hooser, Moody, Matthews, Meier, and Tayon were prominent in the two season a year, 1975–76 edition of the VMI Rugby Football club. It was a year of great changes in the style and attitude of VMI's senior sport.

The fall season was highlighted by the near miss in miserable conditions at Wake Forest, and competition for the Ed Lee Cup; symbol of the Virginia State Championship. Low points found player coach Pete Van Hooser trying to lead an ineffective squad in the 48–0 blasting by James River, the most points ever given up by a Keydet Rugby team. The fall season ended 4–6 with a 10–6 loss to Virginia Tech, but it made the Rugby Club a team.

The spring season found the Keydets on the road against the Citadel, Army, Norfolk Rugby Club, ODU, Lynchburg, Davidson, and Tidewater. In the Azelea Festival's MacArthur Bowl, the Keydets met their toughest competition of the year, and seemed well on the way to restoring the winning edge to one of the winningest sports at VMI.

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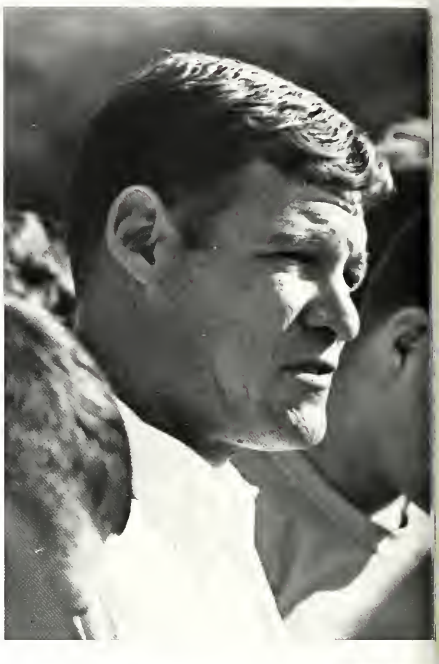
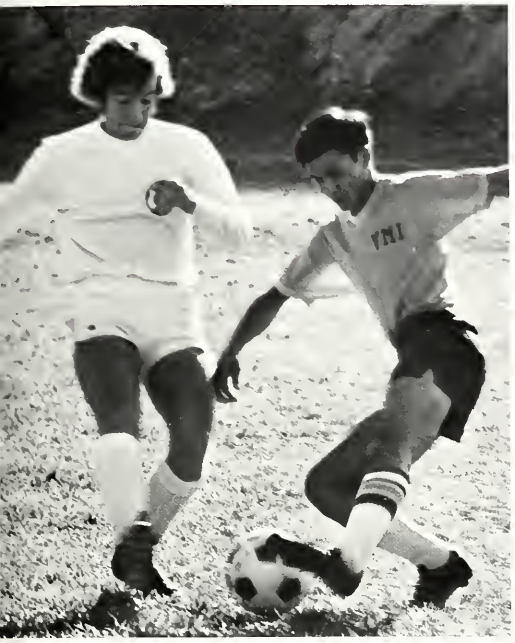


It is said that soccer is the most popular sport in the world. VMI has fielded a soccer team for five seasons as a varsity sport. Under the very capable leadership of a great coach and friend, Captain Jim Clark, an All American soccer player from Marquette, this year's season was most encouraging. Although a record of 3–7–1 doesn't sound impressive, it doesn't reflect the enthusiastic spirit of a team of dedicated cadets. This year the team was plagued with many injuries which forced Coach Clark, at one point, to use a freshman fullback line. It has taken many hours and many good people to develop a team which beat nationally ranked Lynchburg College, when only one year before they had lost to the same team by a gruesome six points.

The friendship and leadership of our graduating seniors Paul Carine, Doug Ashton, Jeff Wall, and Bill Toney will always be remembered; but with each new year a new team arises to meet the challenge. With next year's seniors Fred Allner, Rick Hagreen, Goose Robbins, Robby Robertson, Chark Tingsabhat, and Ponsak Pullsuk, the soccer team is expecting to have an even better season in '77.

Jeff Wall, Mansour Shahtaji, Coach Clark, Freddie Allner, Doug Ashton, Paul Carine, Goose Robbins, Keith Biegel, Jack Dewell, Francis Phillips, John Woodward, John Bowman, Bobby Johann, Ali Nassiri, Robby Robertson, Alireza Ramezani, Bill Toney, Rick Hagreen, Robbie Patterson, Kip Hamilton, Butch Brown, Mo Belanger, Chark Tingsabhat, Mile Ogden, Joe Santelli, Paps Pullsuk, Rick Weatherall, Massad Jabery, Mark Powell.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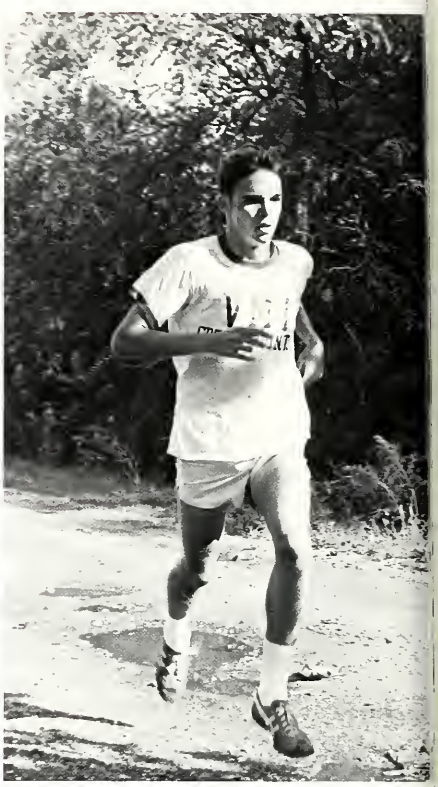

CROSS COUNTRY

The VMI Cross Country team posted its best dual meet season in years ending with a 8–3 record and 5th place finishes in the state and conference. Led by senior captain Jim Martin, the VMI harriers posted wins over ECU, Madison, Wake Forest, Norfolk State, W&L, Roanoke, and Bridgewater. Phil Andrews, a rat, was named most outstanding performer with 2nd classman Al Robinson being voted most improved. The future is bright for the young harriers with the top 8 performers returning for the 1976 season.

Mike Monahan, Phil Andrews, Rex Wiggins, Anthony Moore, Bill Martin, Marvin Miller, Larry King, R.J. Bartol, Joe Jenkins, Al Robinson.

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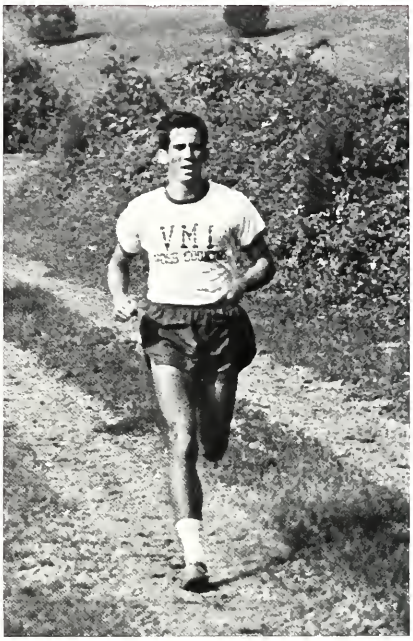
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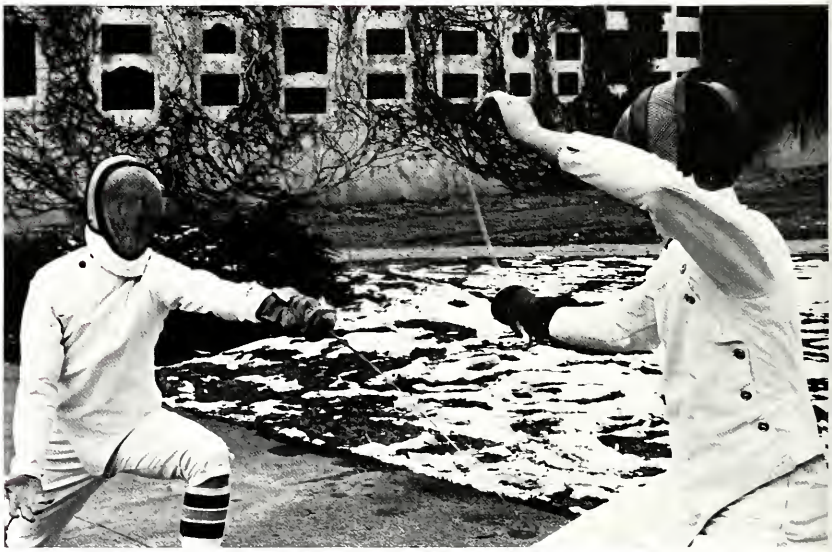
VMI FENCING TEAM

The Fencing Team began this season with an increased number of veterans, as a result of Coach Tad Humphries' excellent building program of last year. Team captain Bill Short was sided by Doug Simms, Ted Mouras, and Ken Ray — mainstays of the foil, e'pee, and sabre squads.

Although the season opened with a disheartening 15–12 loss to the University of Virginia, we have beaten George Mason University, and look forward to wins over Navy, and Virginia Tech.

1st Row — Ted Mouras, Bill Short, Ken Ray, Coach Tad Humphries 2nd Row — Steve Craig, Mark Bryant, Bob Mawteuffel, Bill Harlowe, Bill Lavenworth, Andy Morrison, Bob Reibach 3rd Row — Jack Wright, Karl Swartz, Herb Fluhler, David Smith, Ivan Coleman, Russell Zech, Bill Fisher, Steve Ketterer, Ray Hendrickson, Charles Biviano, Jim Leadbetter



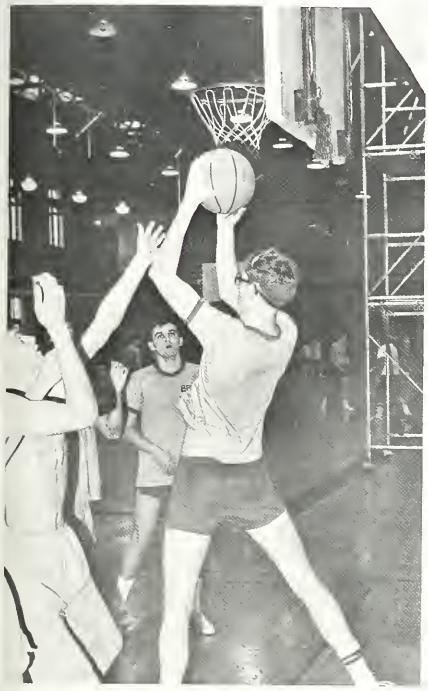
VMI RIFLE TEAM

With only four returning old shooters, two of them lettermen, and eight new rats, this year has been a "building" year for the VMI Rifle Team. Hard work has brought out the shooting talents of the young team to an amazing degree, as indicated by fine performances of rat riflemen firing scores much higher than their limited experience should permit, against such opponents as UVa., William and Mary, and the Service Academies. Leadership this year passes from present captain Ares Koumis to upcoming 3rd classman John Klag, who undoubtedly will guide the team to the championship of the Southern Conference in the upcoming year.

st row: Andy Marshall, Staso, Ares Koumis, John Klag, Russel Johnson. 2nd row: Captain Joyner, Mark Hunter, Craig Myler, om Northam, Robert Sievert, William Middleton, Jamshid Sasani, Dariush Akhavan, Gene Lauffer.

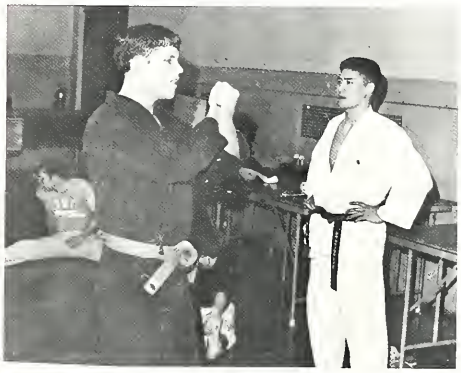
WATER POLO

Jim Wenning, Lee Bradshaw, Ray Ramos, Dave Lowe, Tom Zeugner, Tom Brown, Maury Wood, Bobby Parker, Rick Wren, Pete Gabrie



INTRAMURALS

For those who don't participate in varsity sports, there is a variety of intramurals in which one may become involved. Generally, there is some type of activity that every cadet can enjoy. From run for your life, to flag football to boxing, cadets can be seen on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the midst of fierce competition, staying in shape or improving recreational skills.



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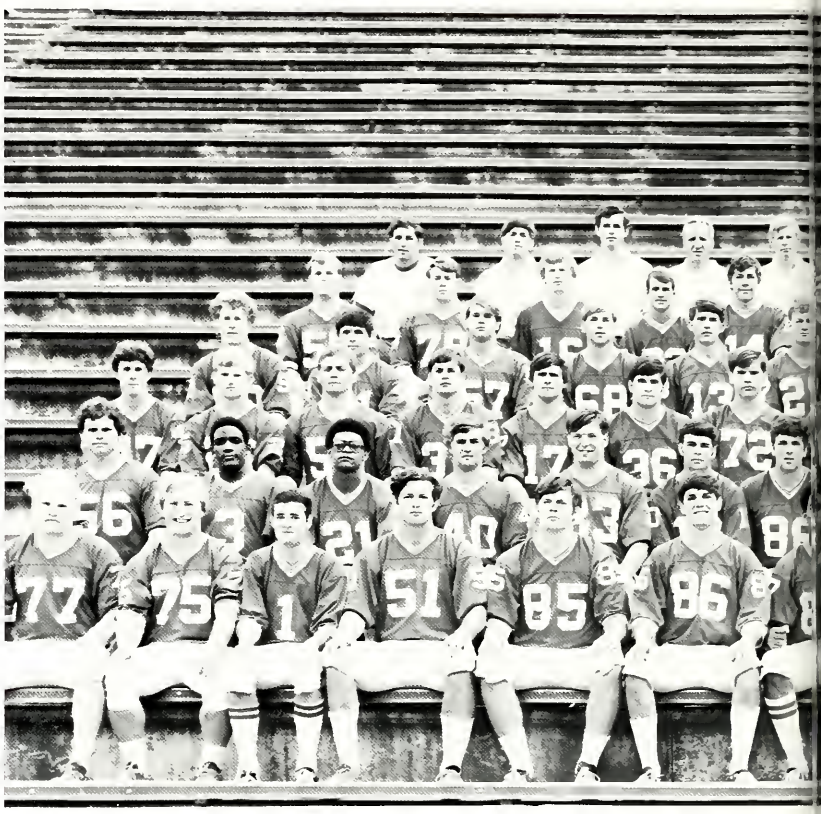

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SEATS

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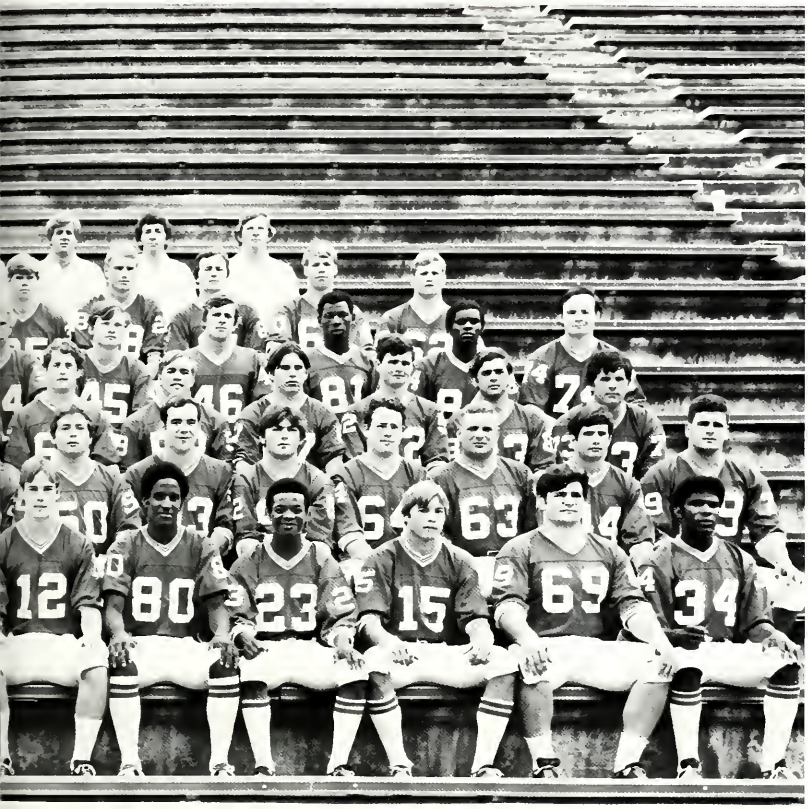
First Row — **Allan Pyke, Phil Upton, Rick Tufaro, Doug Hines, Ray Brooks, Jim Brown, Dave Miles, Hunt Ozmer, Terry White, Ronnie Moore, Jimmy Lofton, Jerry Codutti, Frank Delaine.** Second Row — **John Cutright, Johnny Garnett, Andre Gibson, Larry Heim, Joe Arnold, Eric Radford, Jeff Reynolds, Bobby McQueen, Johnny Hobbs, Lee Foresman, Russell Puckett, Mike Conaway, Steve Werner, Tommy Cole, Ned Stepanovich.** Third Row — **Rich Toole, Greg Beck, Harry Sigfried, Greg Arnett, Mike Freeman, Tim Gompers, Mark McCombs, Scott Brewster, Chip DeCarli, Ray Schaper, Tom Replogle, Danny Bradach, Ron Wilcokz, Dutch Goddard.** Fourth Row — **Ralph George, Steve Oddi, Chip**

VARSITY FOOTBALL

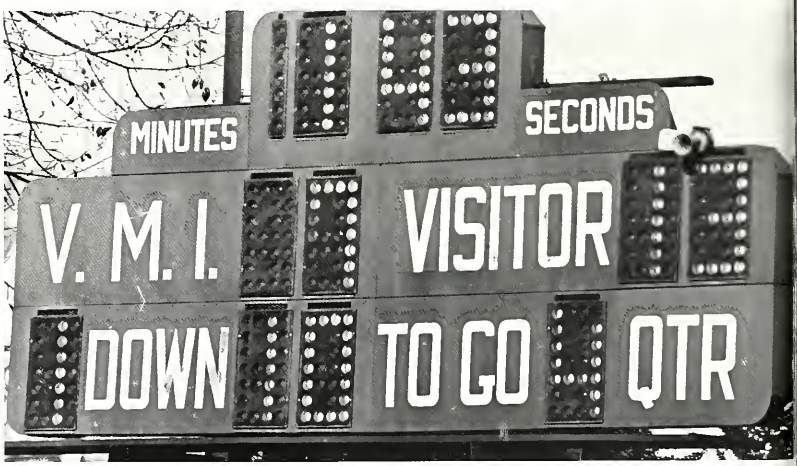


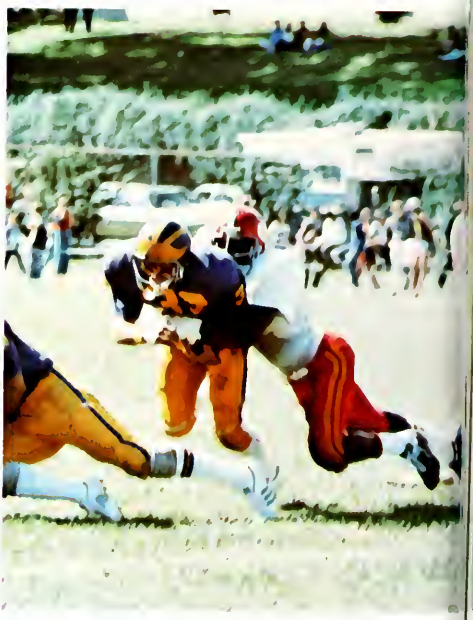
Schelhorn, Jim Reynolds, Keith Barber, Tom Mihalik, Mark McKissick, Kim Glidewell, Kerry Mullin, Glenn Jones, Bruce Martin, Andy Boardman. Fifth Row — Chip Davis, Newby Mauck, Jeff Yates, Tom Ferguson, Mark Lambert, Bo Grant, Keith Giddens, Robert Sanford, Ed Glackin, John Willison, Eric Hutchings. Sixth Row — Mike Gross, Harry McKnight, Coach Cavanaugh, Coach Harminson, Coach Bush, Coach Thalman, Coach Morrison, Coach White, Coach Shaw.

The defending Southern Conference Champions began the '75 season with high hopes. The Keydets looked forward to a tough defense which had lost only one starter to graduation and an offense which was sure to be exciting with the return of a powerful running attack and the record-setting abilities of Ronnie Moore.

However, the first two games were to be indicative of almost an entire season of bad bounces. Both games ended in frustrating one point defeats that could have just as easily been Keydet victories. Keydet spirits brightened the next two weeks, however, when a weak Davidson team was completely devastated 55–0, and the Keydets pulled out a thriller in Greenville against Furman, 13–10.

From there the team traveled a rough road. Six games were lost by a total of ten points and it seemed as though where the breaks had gone for us the year before they went against us this season. The team suffered many setbacks, but never allowed the team unity to weaken. The seniors had been through some trying years but had not lost the last game in any of their four seasons.





This year the Keydets had to travel to the University of Connecticut over Thanksgiving for their finale. From the start the defense dominated the UConn offense and allowed them but a single field goal. The offense got cranked up as Rat QB Robbie Clark came on to guide the offense to two touchdowns and to put a gleam in the coaches' eyes for next year. The final win didn't ease the many frustrations and painful memories, but it did show that the '75 Keydets were a team that deserved to be respected and one that the Corps could be proud of.

Even though the 3–8 record was a disappointing one, the season did produce some standouts. Ronnie Moore was named to the All-Southern Conference team; and Phil Upton, Doug Hines, Rick Tufaro, Johnny Garnett, and Bobby McQueen were named Honorable Mention. The Keydet defensive secondary also finished with an impressive statistic. The secondary was ranked number one in the nation against the pass, averaging just over 50 yards allowed per game.

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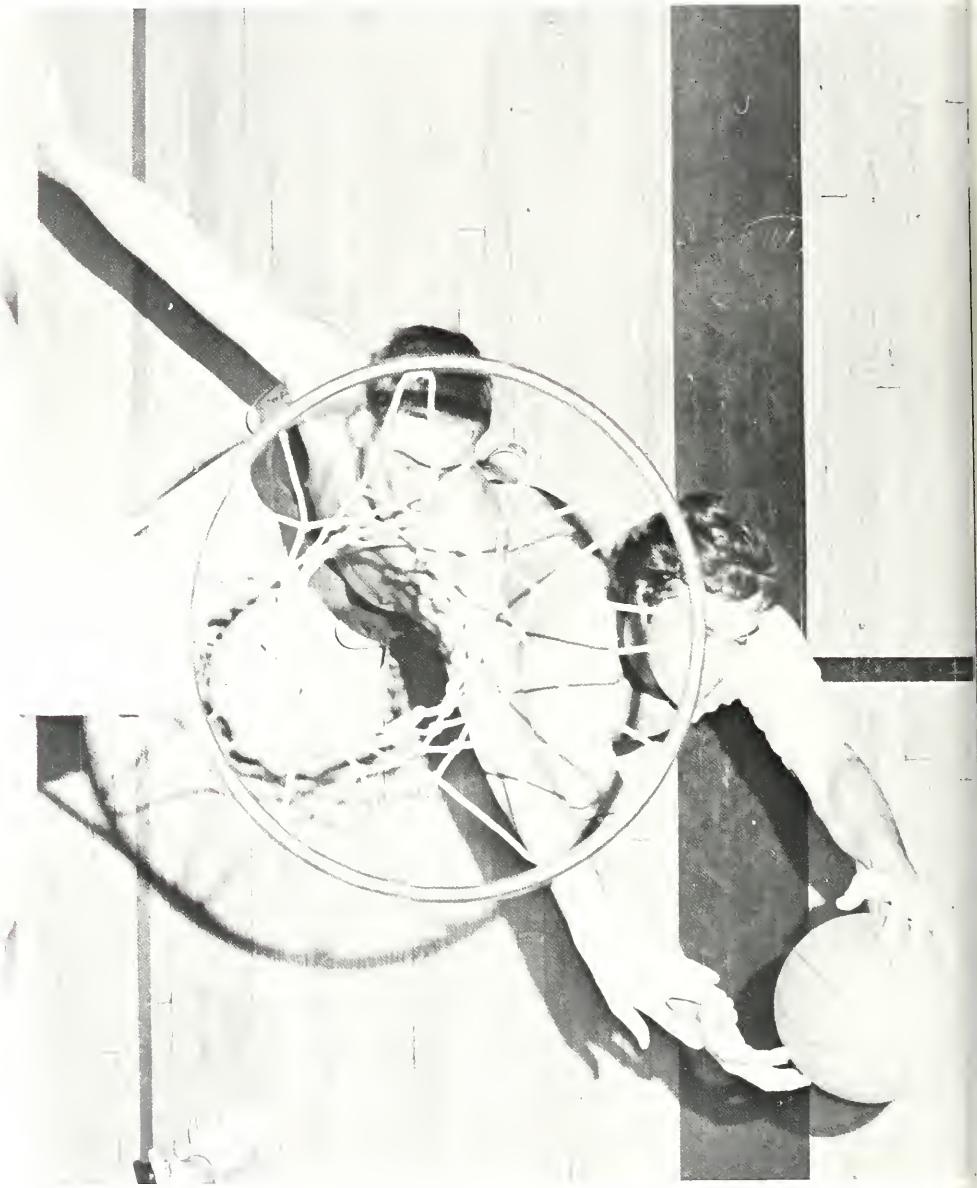
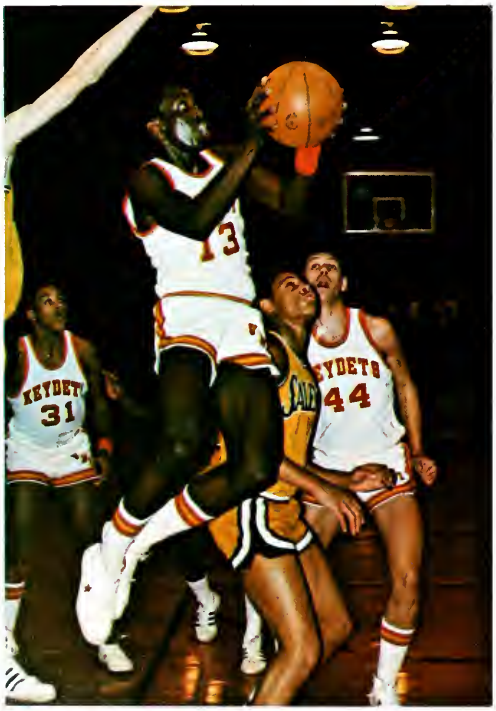
WINTER SPORTS



BASKETBALL

Coach O'Conner, Coach Blair, Coach Schmaus, John Krovic, Saul Smith, Curt Reppart, Kelly Lombard, Marvin Miller, Tom Watjen, Will Bynun, Pat Kelley, Ron Carter, Dave Slomski, Drew Stone, George Borojevich, Harlan Niehaus, Dave Montgomery, Dan Stephans.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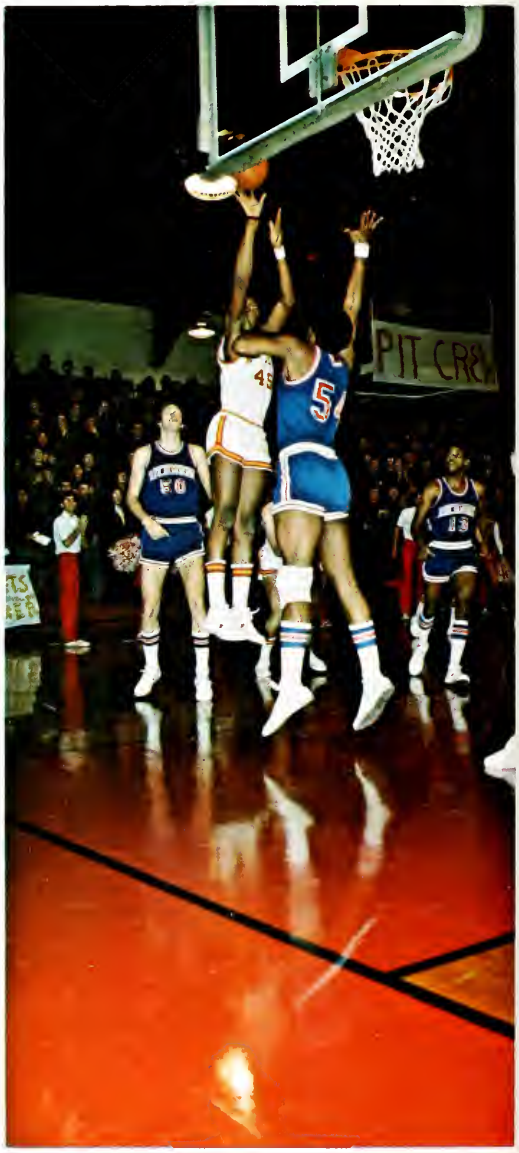
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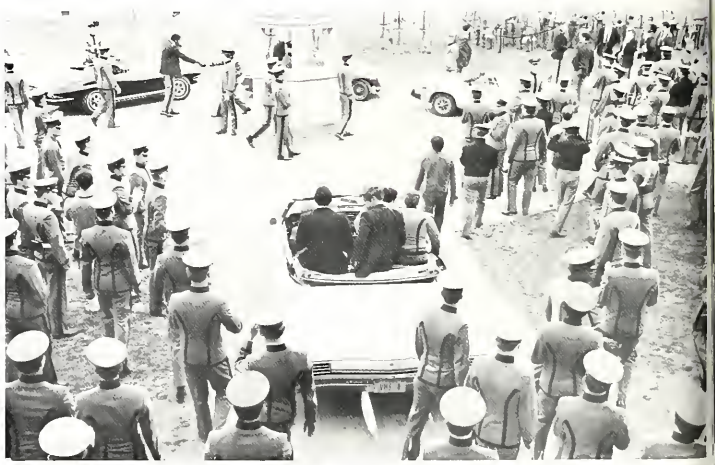
KAYDETS

For the first time VMI floored one of the most experienced teams in recent history. The 1974–76 team closed out their season with a record setting 13–13 record, but this year's "Blaire Bunch" went all out to better that mark by establishing the first winning season since 1928 with a powerful 17–9 record and the first regular season Southern Conference Championship ever won by a VMI basketball team.

With Curt Reppart providing leadership, John Krovic and Ron Carter providing firepower, and board control by Dave Montgomery and Will Bynum, the Keydets played a brand of basketball that made opponents wonder about the pre-season #6 prediction assigned to the Keydets. For once, Coach Blair did not have to start a freshman, but the play of Kelley Lombard, Zack Smith, Harlan Niehaus, and Dan Stephans was important — because the starters could not play the whole game. However, the freshmen were not the only reserves used. VMI had a strong bench this year, and the performances of George Borjevich, Pat Kelly, and Dave Slomski contributed to the excellent season enjoyed by the team.

VMI confirmed its first regular season Southern Conference Championship by winning the Southern Conference Tournament and ending that phase of the season with a 20–9 record. Playing the first round of the tournament at VMI, a Keydet team beset by injuries and the flu downed Davidson 71–69 in a game that set the winning mood for the next two games. The semi-finals and the finals of the tournament were played at Furman University. VMI faced and defeated Appalachian 71–64, while Richmond beat William and Mary — setting the stage for the finale between VMI and Richmond. Richmond opened the Championship game with stall on its mind, and a halftime score of 9–8 in their favor indicates the slow tempo of the first half. In the second half, however, it was a different story. VMI crammed Richmond's stall down the Spider's throats and forced the pace of the game to increase. Key free throws by Kelley Lombard, clutch shots by John Krovic, and an all round great performance by Ron Carter won the game for VMI 41–33 as the Keydets blew Richmond and their stall off court. Only Carter made the All-SC Team; but Krovic, Carter, and Will Bynum were named to the All-Tourney Team; and Carter was named MVP for the Tournament.



VMI was not given a ghost of a chance to defeat #9 ranked Tennessee, but the fired up Keydets shot 66% from the floor and won the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Five Keydets scored in double figures with Bynum sinking 20, Carter 19, Krovic 17, Curt Reppart 11, and Dave Montgomery 10. VMI was ranked 31st out of the 32 teams in the first round of the tournament, but the Keydets won where UVa. and Tech fell by the wayside. Lexington and the Corps welcomed the team back with a victory parade down Main Street. The team rode in convertibles, and followed the Regimental Band down Main Street as the people of Lexington and the Corps paid homage to the winners.

For the second round of the NCAA Tournament, the Keydets journeyed to Greensboro to meet DePaul — the 17th ranked team in the nation. The Corps was allowed to attend the game where their noisemaking ability awed the DePaul fans, encouraged the team to victory, and caused the Greensboro police to shake their heads in wonderment. Although the score was knotted at 62–62 at the end of regulation play, the Keydets prevailed during overtime to defeat the heavily favored Blue Demons 71–66. Despite the presence of DePaul's 6′11″ Don Corzine; Ron Carter, Dave Montgomery, and Will Bynum carried the ball inside to score consistently. The game was won during overtime with a driving layup and two foul shots by Curt Reppart.

Both the team and the Corps appeared in the NCAA Eastern Finals against Rutgers. Nobody gave VMI a chance to win the Southern Conference Championship. We were underdogs against # 9 Tennessee and #17 DePaul. And now we were in the championship game for the Eastern Region of the NCAA. The Corps was its usual rowdy self and out cheered the Rutgers mob by a wide margin. The team played their hearts out, but the combination of #3 Rutgers and a certain bald and biased Big Ten referee put the Keydets down 91–75 in a game that was close in everything but the score and the number of fouls called on the two teams. Bynum and Carter made the All-Tourney team. The news media summed up the 1975–76 season with the tribute they paid the Keydets: "They never gave up". The news media also gave VMI the recognition they deserved for beating two nationally ranked teams and finally being defeated by a referee and the #3 ranked team in the nation.

The Keydets finished 22–10 for the season. The Keydets forced the powerhouses of the basketball world to sit up and take notice. They stopped asking "who is VMI?" and started asking "how can we stop VMI?"

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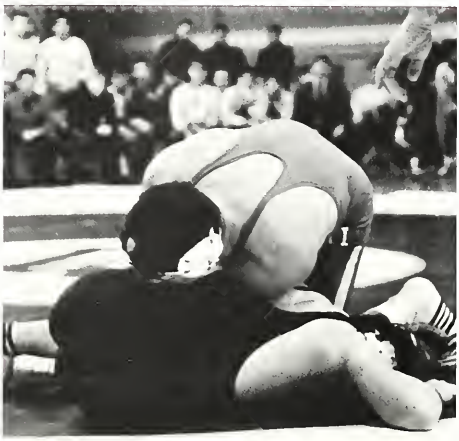
WRESTLING

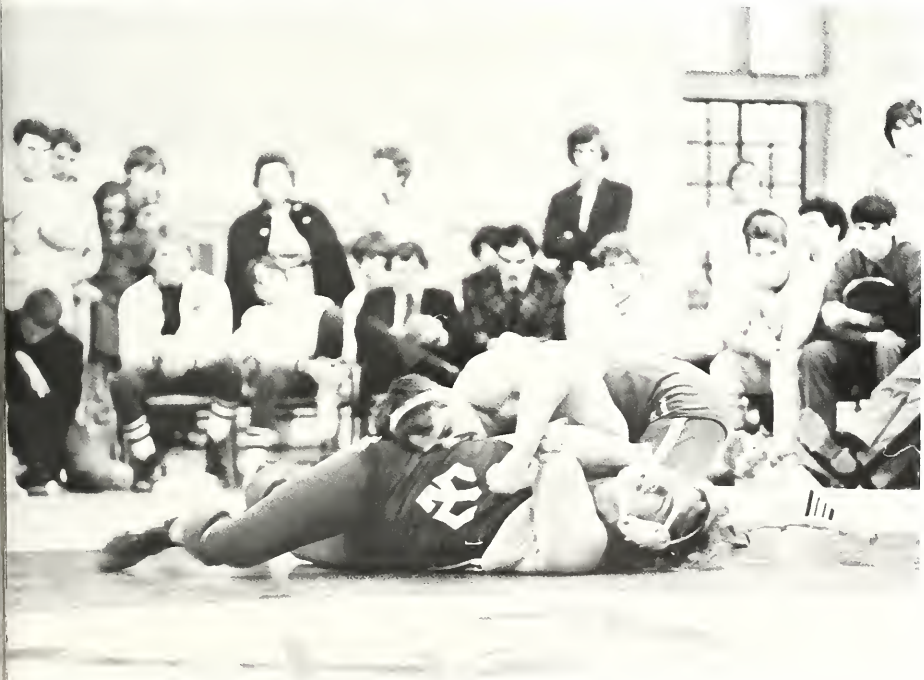
Everything that can be said about Coach Gupton and the VMI wrestling team has been said many times before. Long hours, starvation diets, gruelling workouts, and a great coach have provided VMI with a winning team year after year. With no scholarships in an age of scholarship athletes, "Gup's Grapplers" wrestle because they enjoy the sport, the competition, and the comraderie of the team.

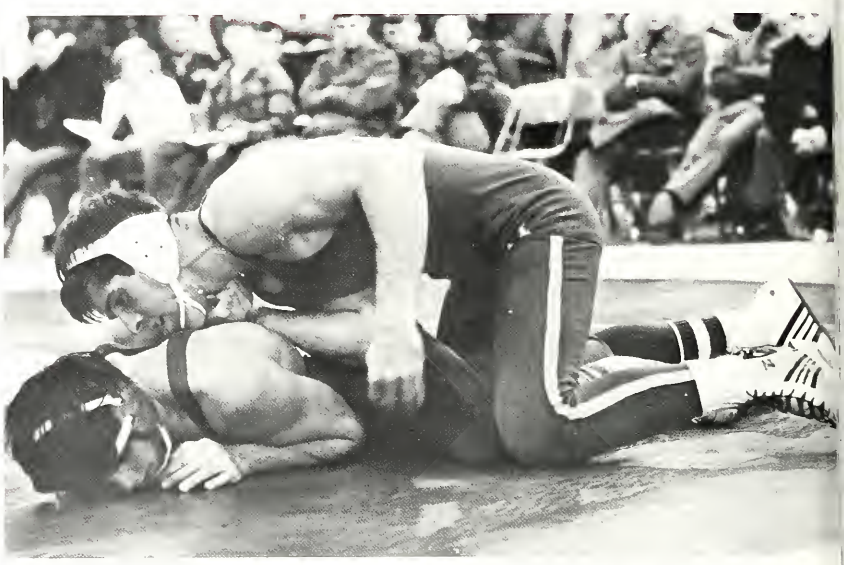
This year, led by Andy Stewart, John Vizzi, Bob Sherrard, Kimber Latsha, and Ned Stepanovich, the grapplers from VMI amassed a strong 10–4 season. Ned Stepanovich and John Vizzi were both Virginia State Champions, and both are strong contenders for conference and national honors.

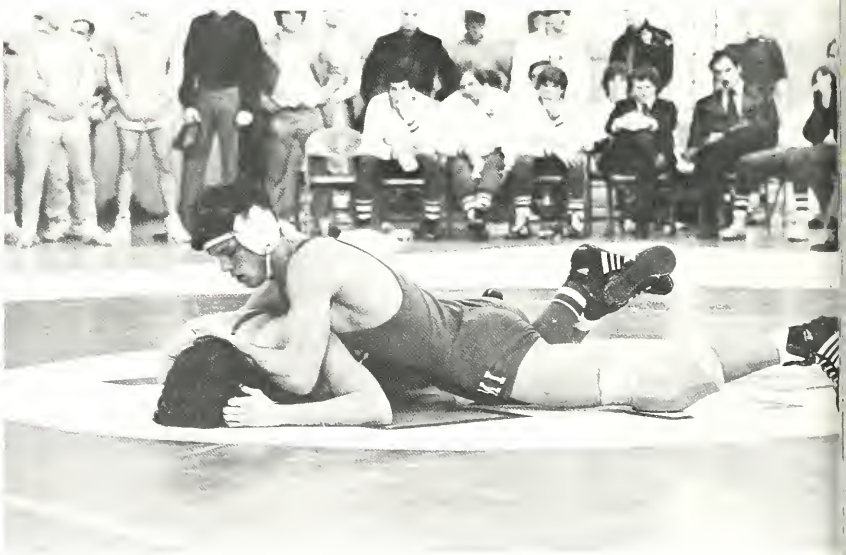
The team should be strong for next year, for only five seniors will be lost to graduation and there is ample leadership and talent for the future. Also, there is Coach Gupton.

Row 1: Ned Stepanovich, John Vizzi, Bill Pearson, Bob Sherrard, John Mott, Steve Aksomitas, Andy Stewart, Kirk Latsha, Moe Belanger Row 2: Jay Gede, Bob Longwell, Tom Willard, Ken Harbin, Jay Virtue, Glenn Smith, Mark Seely, Rick Rios, Tom White, Dak Colden Row 3: Ed Johnson, Rocky Titus, Roy Siegel, Steve Heatwole, Joe Simas, Steve Brown, Mack Curle, Bob Arnold, Rick Cadugan, Phil Truitt, Don Starbuck, Coach Gupton Not pictured: Grigg Mullen









VARSITY SWIMMING

The varsity swim team has had another successful season this year under the leadership of co-captains Lang Meem and Tom Zeugner, and the coaching of Arnie Joyce. The team has performed admirably against competition which has been heavily composed of scholarship swimmers.

Seniors on the team which have consistently performed well in meets are Lee Bradshaw in middle distance; Rich Wrenn and Ray Ramos in backstroke; and Pete Gabriel in the breaststroke.

Underclassmen who have greatly contributed are Hobie Andrews and Buzzy Northen in diving; Joe Cafarella, Jim Cure, Bart Pasco, Tom Underhill, and Randy Pekarik in freestyle; Nelson Curtis and Bob Raines in butterfly; and Jim Wenning in the backstroke. Other members of the team also added greatly to the team's strength and helped make the season a success.

Front row: Ricky Wrenn, Ray Ramos, Lang Meem (co-captain), Tom Zeugner (co-captain), Pete Gabriel, Lee Bradshaw, Pete Friesen, Rex Kern (manager), Middlg row: Rod DeCorte, Randy Pekarik, Chuck Billingsly, Bill Albro, Brian Fenzl, Tom Underhill, Hobie Andrews, Nelson Curtis, Back row: T. Whitlow (manager), Dan Sheean, Jim Cure, Bart Pasco, Bob Raines, Jim Hanrahan, Maury Wood, Hank Chase, Bill Bailey, Jim Wenning, Joe Caffarrella, Tom Brown, Tom White, Burt Lassiter.

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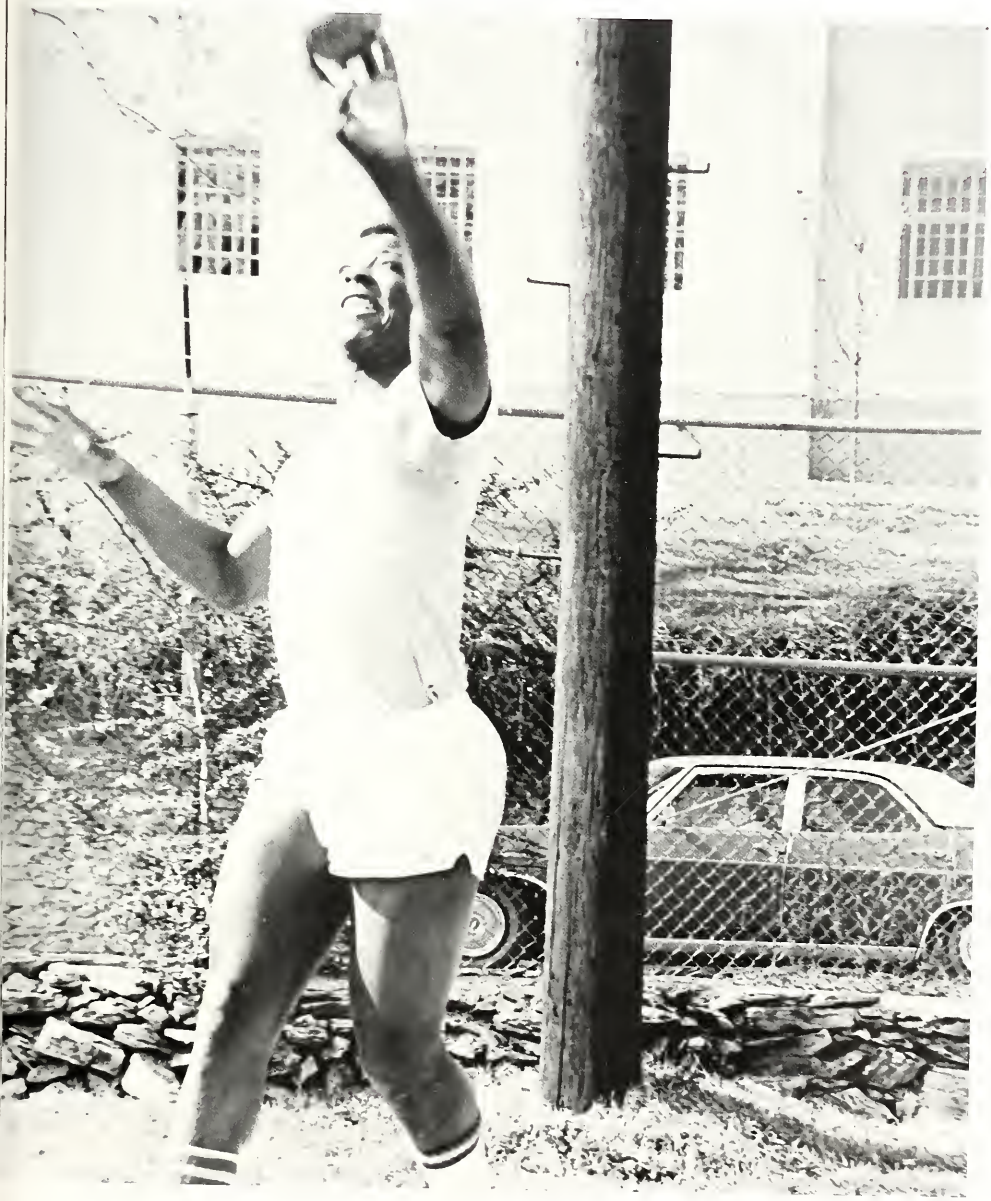
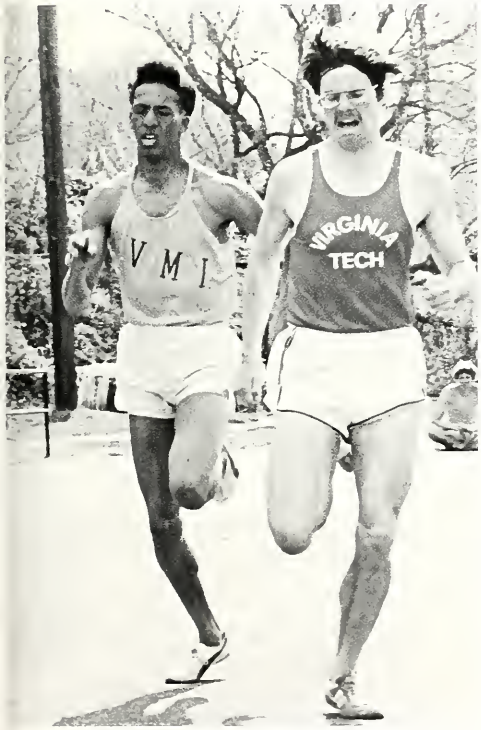


TRACK

VMI's indoor track team ended its indoor track season with a 10–5 record. The season was highlighted with several record setting performances. Andre Gibson's 23′9″ long jump and 6.2 60 yard dash, Jerry Codutti's 49′6″ shot put, John Willison's 46′11″ 35 pound weight throw, Rex Wiggins 4:13.1 mile and 9:08 2 mile, Malcolm Grimes 48′11″ triple jump were all new records. Despite numerous injuries to key personnel the VMI thinclads still managed a 4th place finish in the State indoor meet in a surprisingly strong showing, picking up six 3rd places three 4th places and two 5th places. Prospects for the outdoor season are good and the VMI tracksters look for another winning season and stronger finishes in the state and conference.

1st Row — Coach Williams, Eric Radford, Mike Olerich, Tom Ferguson, Barney Adams, Malcolm Grimes, Anthony Moore, Bill Martin, Mike Monahan, Andre Gibson 2nd Row — Steve Billingsly, Rick Hall, Greg Beck, Robie Clark, Tom Bright, Mike Burton, Jeff McLean, Johnny Garnett. 3rd Row — Al Robinson, Joe Jenkins, Glenn Cox, Rex Wiggins, David Woolwine, Tony Hamilton, R. J. Bartol, Miller. 4th Row — Phil Andrws, Danny Schlikenmyer, Larry King, Tim Bridges, Bernie Riesbeck, Greg Arnett, Tony Green, Carl Jackson 5th Row — Mark Perrin, Ed Bodling, Glenn Jones, Jerry Codotti, Jose Gomez, John Willison, Larry Williams, Greg Weaver.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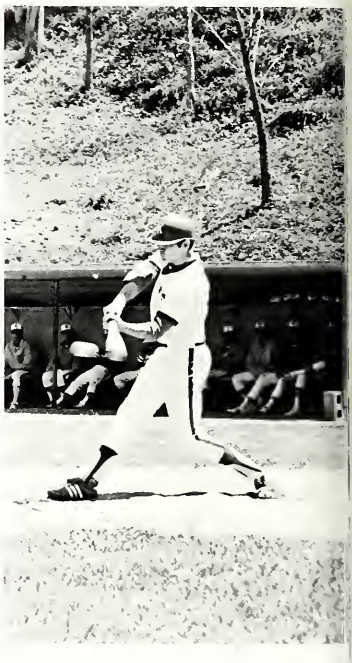
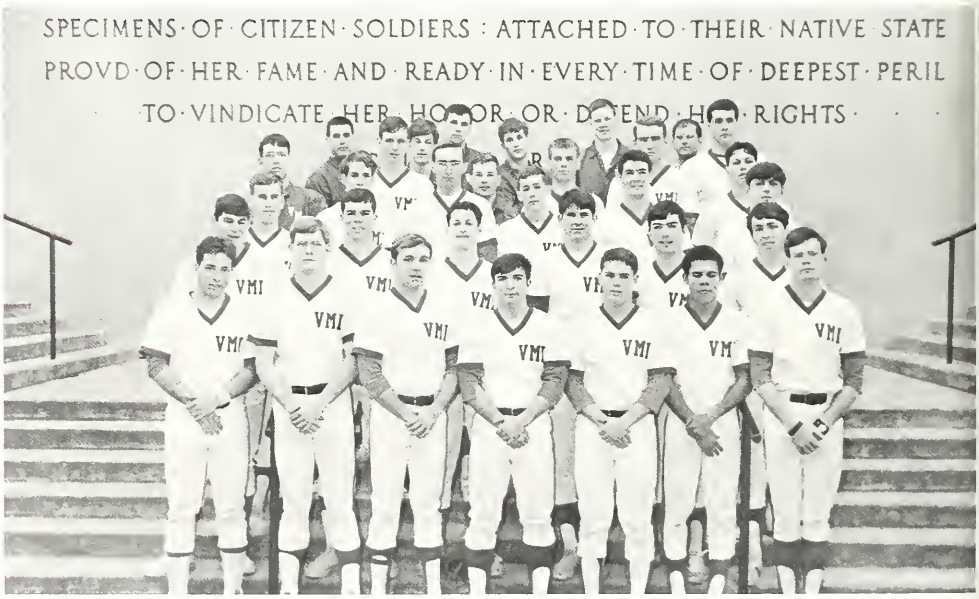
VARSITY BASEBALL



Baseball is an outdoor sport. It depends on the weather. The 1974–75 VMI baseball team was frustrated throughout the entire season because the rain drove them inside and the facilities available for inside practice were nil. A 2–18 record was the result. In all fairness to the team, they competed against teams loaded with scholarship athletes who did nothing but practice year-round in their excellent indoor facilities. Harry Barksdale, Popeye Lewin, Dan Darnell, Kimo Wong, and all the other First Classmen provided excellent leadership; Coach Jerry Roane provided excellent coaching.

There has been improvement for the 1975–76 edition of the Keydet baseball team. A new batting cage will improve hitting, and money has been provided for scholarships. Under the leadership of team captain Garry Varney, and the coaching of Jerry Roane, the 1976 Keydet baseball team should be an improvement over last year.



1st Row — Len Snead, Jerry Corley, Boo-Boo Varney, Billy Young, Andy Andrews, Obie Johnson, Scott Snow. 2nd Row — Randy Gates, Mike Vela, Tom Trumps, Bobby Henkel, K. Y. Thrift. 3rd Row — Wilt Holmes, Doug Fitchett, John Sanford, Doug Mavck, Mark Perrin, Russell Puckette. 4th Row — Randy Atkins, Dave Stacey, Mark Timberlake, Doug McCabe, Robert Sanford, Billy Hardy. 5th Row — Bruce Reinard, Ron Milligan, Mark Byrd, Bob Jenvey, Steve Powers, Mark Havelin, Chip Marohn.

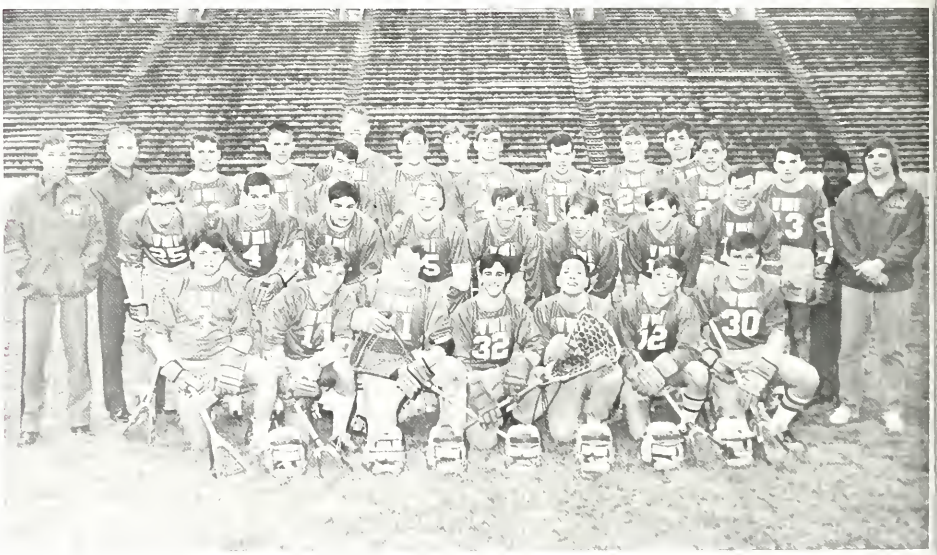
COACH

VMI LACROSSE

Since the Lacrosse Club founding six years ago, there has been nothing but an upward movement in overall experience, enthusiasm, and most of all — WINNING. Still a club sport, the VMI stickmen play as though each game was leading up to the NCAA playoffs. The team "Club Sport" does not indicate the level of competition that fills our schedule, as VMI plays such schools as Georgia Tech, Washington and Lee, University of Georgia, and of course — Virginia Tech. The VMI Lacrosse Team owes many thanks to a number of people. Coach Gordon Calkins, who first got us off the ground, and Capt. William Flavin, our present advisor. Without their help and guidance, Lacrosse at VMI would not exist.

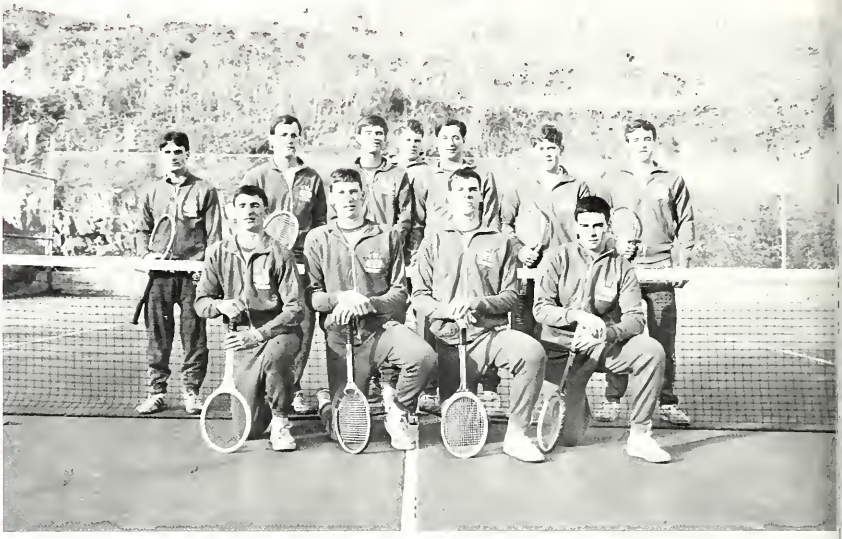
This year's team brings back only four starters from last year: defenseman and captain Rocky Glass, Wads Buggs and Bill Powell — both top defensemen, and junior attackman Gus "Goose" Robbins. Very strong support will be needed and is most likely to come from midfielders Ray Beazley, Keith Dickson, and Dyke Davies — along with our new goalie Jack Daniels. Added support will come from attackmen Eddie Semler and Woody Woodward — who can do the job around the opponent's goal.

Our biggest asset will not come from any player but from our new Head Coaches Malcom Hastings and Steve Dibagio. With this guidance, strong support from the Corps, and a lot of desire VMI Lacross, will truly be "the fastest game on two feet" and prove its worthiness to receive the varsity status that has been denied in the past years.



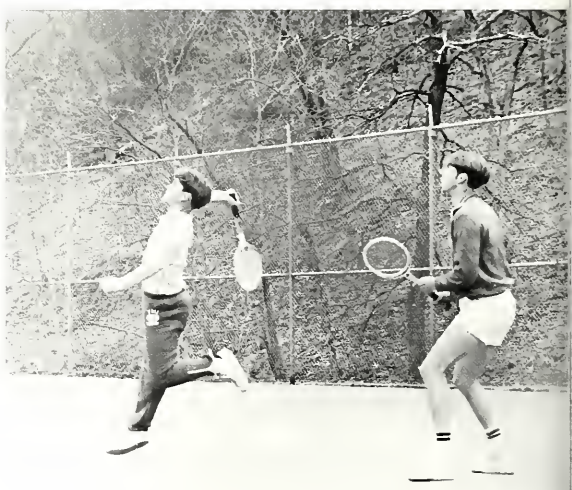
1st Row Andy Tarr, Terry McKnight, Jack Daniels, Butch Brown, John Hash, Blaine Vorgang, Doug Sebert. 2nd Row Tom Herbert, Eddie Semler, Stu Gitchell, Eric Nost, Bob Fretz, Rick Wetherill, Dyke Davies, Jeff Totaro. 3rd Row Reggie Sadler (Mgr), Capt. William Flavin (Advisor), Larry Betz, Dennis Staples, Bob Wilson, Boog Powell, Rocky Glass, Ray Beazley, Keith Dickson, Woody Woodward, Rob Reddington, Burly Byrd, Steve Dibagio (Coach) 4th Row Rick Rice, John Bowman, Dickie Moore

TENNIS TEAM



Charles Sachs
Rick Pugh
Mark Withers
Jeff Curtis
Chris Brock
Rick Green
Randy Darden
Fred Floyd
Fred Allner
Bert Deacon
Bruce Wells

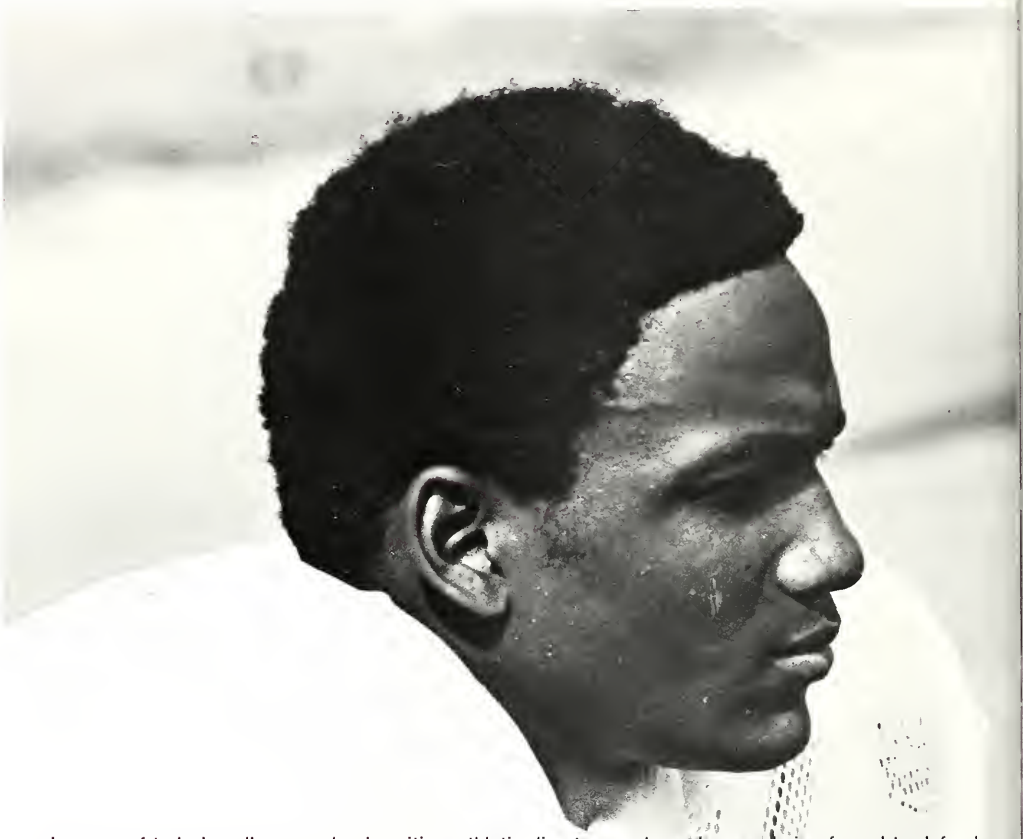
With five returning lettermen, led by junior co-captains Will Bynum and Bert Deacon, the tennis team can have a promising season. Last year the team lacked depth in its ladder, but in the 75–76 season potential freshmen can erase this problem. Under the leadership and guidance of Col. Don Jamison the tennis team can overcome its tough schedule, and the team can soar to a successful season.



VMI GOLF

The golf team is looking forward to an improved year with First Classmen Randy Esser, Dexter Gilliam, Andre Koneczny, and Rand Sompayrac back to lead the team. The remaining spots on the team should be capably filled by two third classmen and three rats. As always, the team will be looking toward the conference tournament in April with hopes of improving on last year's fifth place finish. With a lot of hard work and a little luck it is definitely possible.

Kneeling — Rand Sompayrac, Randy Esser, Dexter Gilliam Standing — Mr. Swink, Jeff Vordermark, Jim Burton, Andre Koneczny, Brion Smith, Steve Murray, Fred Stamey.



In many of today's colleges and universities, athletic directors and coaches are being forced to defend athletic programs that are besieged by rising costs and complaints from alumni who question the value of these programs. The question arises: Is there any redeeming value in college athletics today? There has been a flood of books and articles in recent years criticizing certain aspects of college and pro athletics. If there are so many bad aspects in sports, why do we continue with them?

The answer seems to lie in the fact that the majority do benefit from competitive athletics. For intensity and involvement, there are few experiences that can match those encountered in athletics. The words discipline and sacrifice are often heard associated with athletics, but without these elements athletics would not be worth examining at all. Through all the windsprints, tedious repetition, fatigue and time, there is never the promise of winning; only the chance and the hope. There is always the chance that someone may be better prepared, more motivated or simply a better athlete.

When the contest is over, the real merit is reflected by the effort. Certainly, the win-loss column is indicative of the degree and intensity of the effort, but eventually the final score seems to lose its initial significance. What is left is the impact of a unique experience on the individual: learning to deal with frustrations and setbacks, to persevere in tedium and pain, to share, to cooperate, to mature. Perhaps in the final analysis success does not depend simply on the score. Perhaps there is more.

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ACTIVITIES

Hop Escorts

Ray Brooks, Gus Robbins, Rocky Glass, Jim Brown, John Cutright, Doug Hines, Scooter Massie, Jim Bradshaw, John Coleman

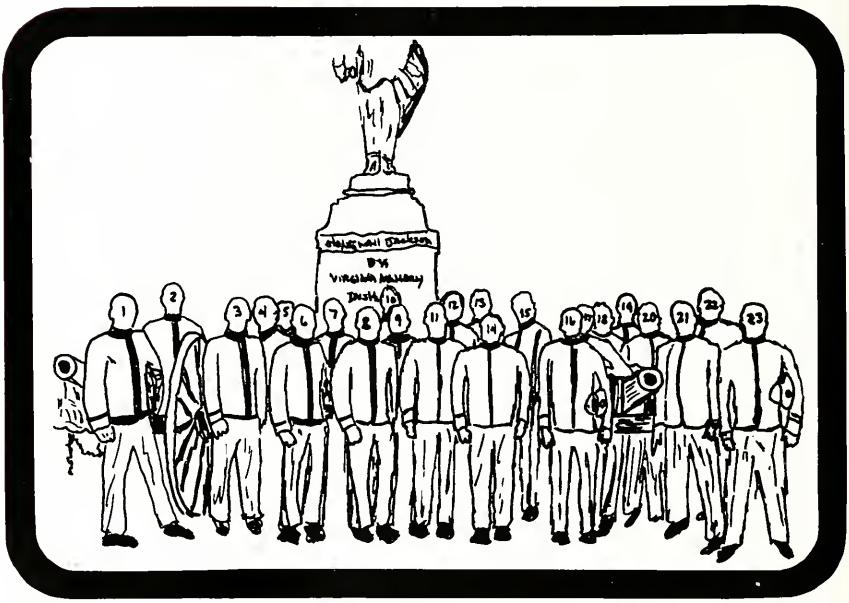
Karate Club

Jim Joustra, Charlie Archer, Oben Johnson, Claude Roberts, Ray Harrel, Jay Foerstch, Mike Hillsgrove, Dirk Williams, Steve Borowski, Alec Earle, Chris Perry, Mel Williams, Kon-Shin.

Pre-Medical Society

Ray Vazquez, Tom Diggs, Richard Keith, Bruce Morris, Tim Pishdad, Bob Norris, Jack Daniels, John Roser, Ken Lafferty, Phil Brzowzski, Colin McKenzie, Clyde Long, Ray Duffett

Twenty six members of the Class of 1976 have been chosen to represent the Virginia Military Institute in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. They were selected by a board of representatives from the faculty and the Corps of Cadets. They have demonstrated their leadership and excellence in academics, extracurricular activities, citizenship, and service to the Institute. They are VMI's best.



1. W. Grigg Mullen Jr., 2. John C. Coleman, 3. Michael G. Tate, 4. Kurt P. Luckenbill, 5. Richard A. Williams, 6. John P. Johnson, 7. Dabaney T. P. Gilliam Jr., 8. Howard A. Curle Jr., 9. J. Randolp Esser, 10. William R. Favier, 11. Douglas F. Ashton, 12. Carmen D. Villani Jr., 13. Carlton G. Opel, 14. Peter H. Gabriel, 15. Thomas J. Turlip, 16. William H. Toney Jr., 17. Mark G. Swank, 18. Michael E. Linaberry, 19. L. Richard Wrenn III, 20. James A. Lofton, 21. William R. LaGrone, 22. Phillip C. Brzozowski, 23. D. B. Johnson Not pictured: Clifford E. Tuday, Ronnie Moore, Ralph C. Reppart.

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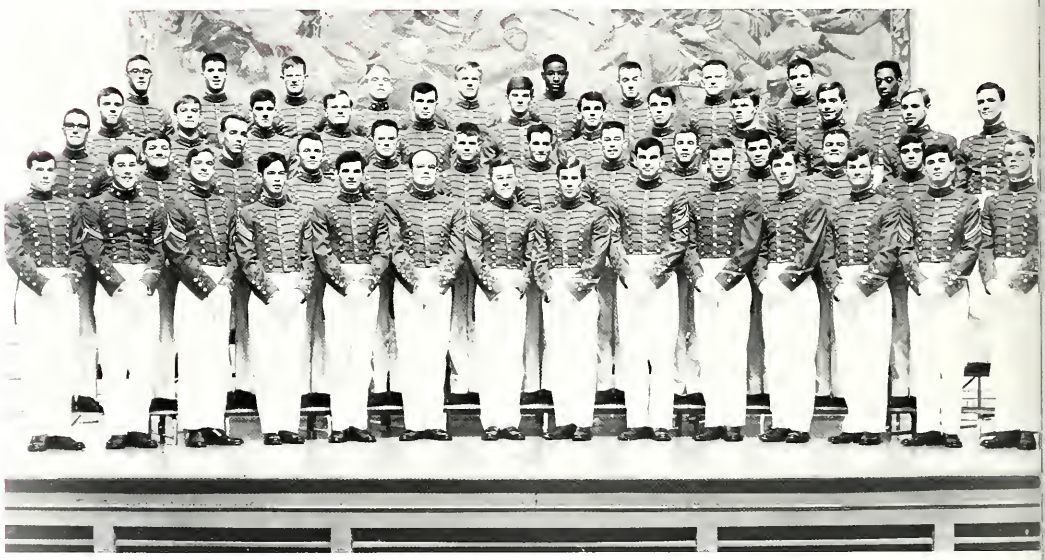

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D. B. Johnson — Staff

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John Street, Frank Fountain, Robbie Burke, Evan Haberman, Dale Bryson, Ed Johnson. Not Shown: Dick Williams, Charles Moses

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John Verriker, Tim Cordle, J. B. Kirk, Jan Bickley, Bob Morris

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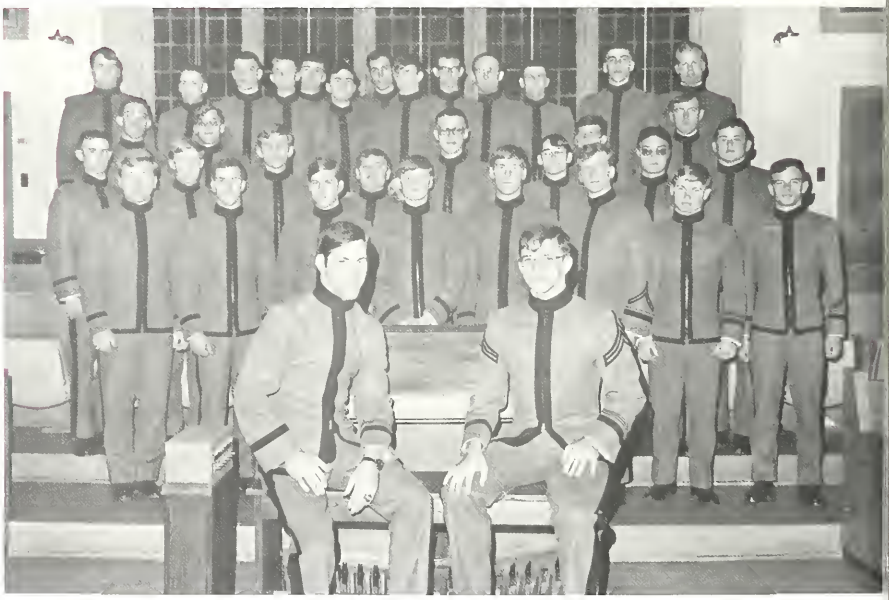

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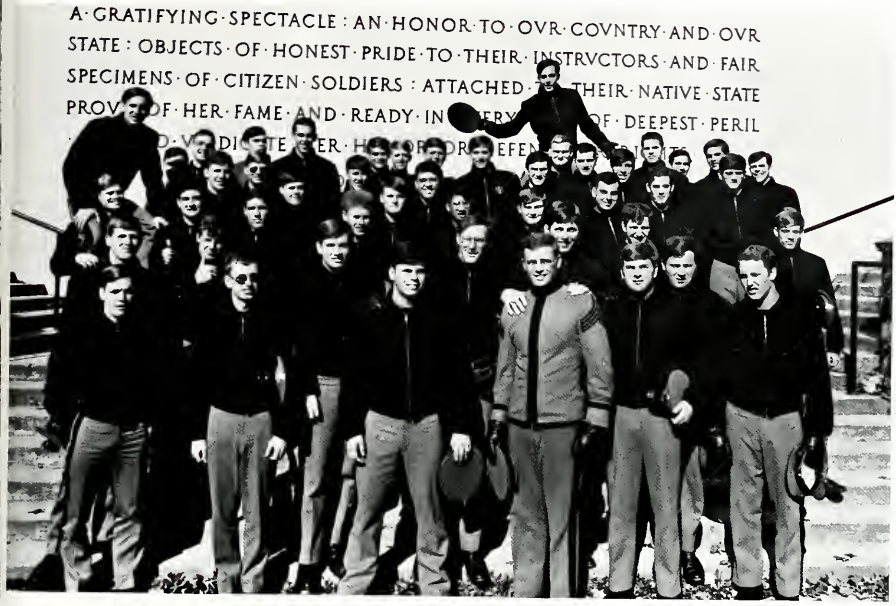

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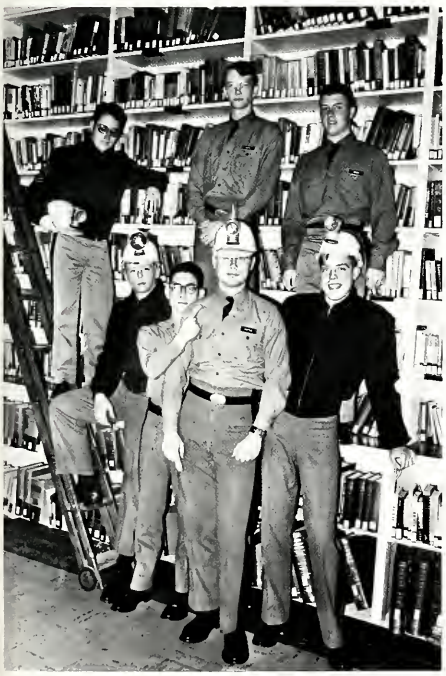

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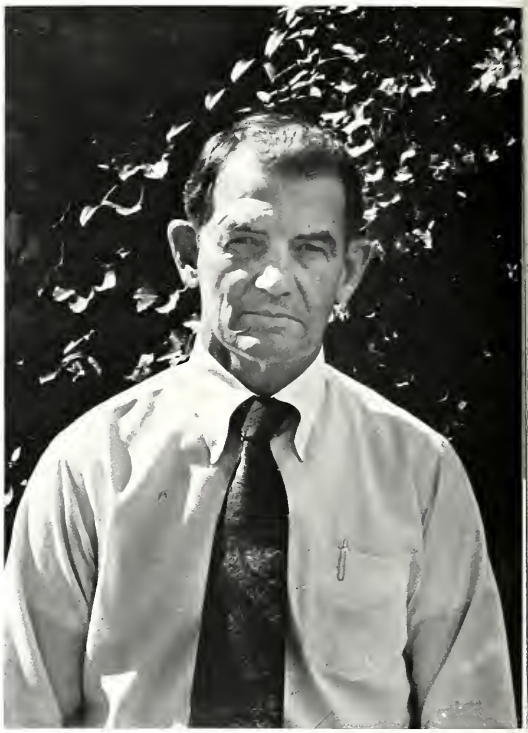

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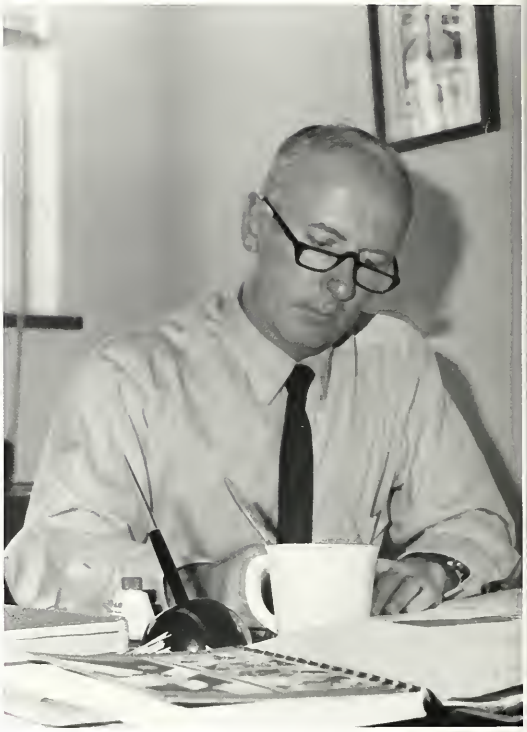

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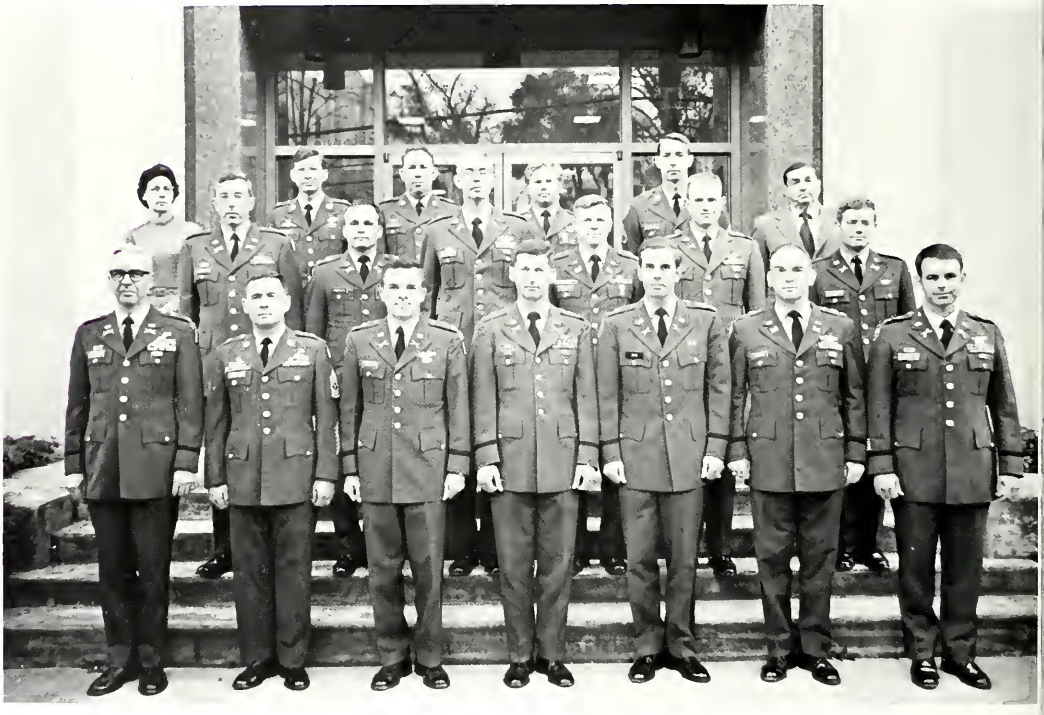

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NUMBER 1)

1. In accordance with the Equal Rights Amendment passed by Congress 1 June, 1976, and following the example of West Point, the V.M.I. is pleased to announce the acceptance of Ms. Jane B. Strange as a cadet at V.M.I. in the class of 1981.

2. Due to the nature of this act, Cadetress Strange will be quartered on the fifth stoop. The General and Executive Committees will be relocated in the main sinks.

3. A 4th relief has been created to cope with the problem of one female among 1200 males. Two sentinels with fixed bayonets will be posted at the foot of the fifth stoop stairs. Two additional sentinels will be outside the door of Cadetress Stranges room. The Corporal and Lance Corporal of the 4th relief will be in direct communication with the Commandant at all times via PRC 77 radio at all times.

4. Cadetress Strange will be assigned to Band Company as Head Majorette.

5. Under no circumstances will Cadetress Strange be treated in any way different than any other New Cadet.

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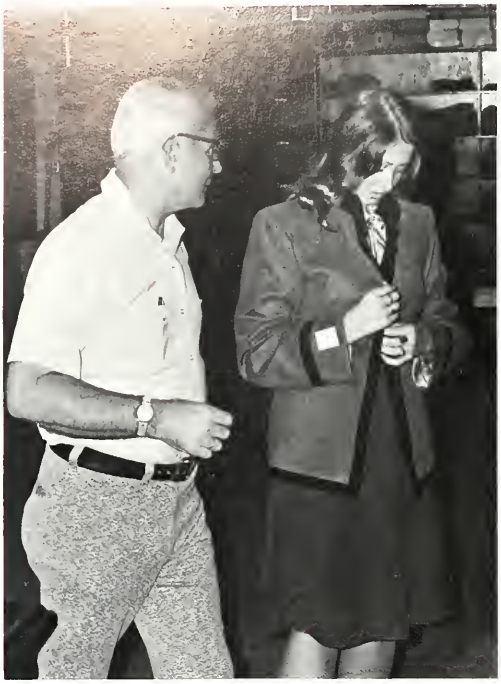

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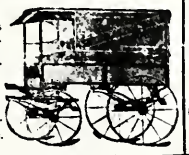

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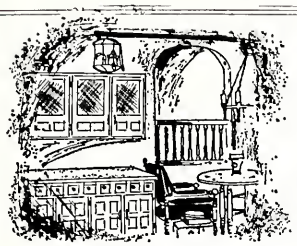

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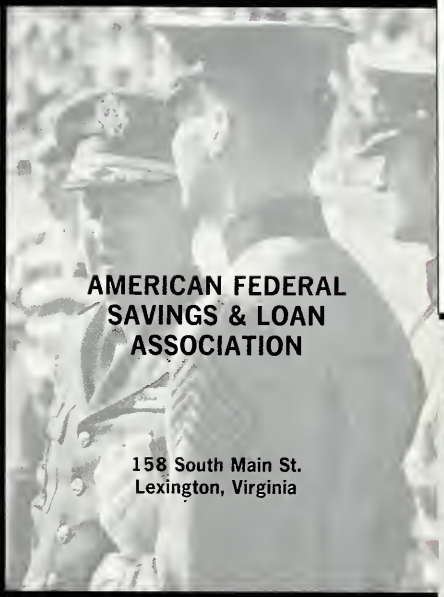

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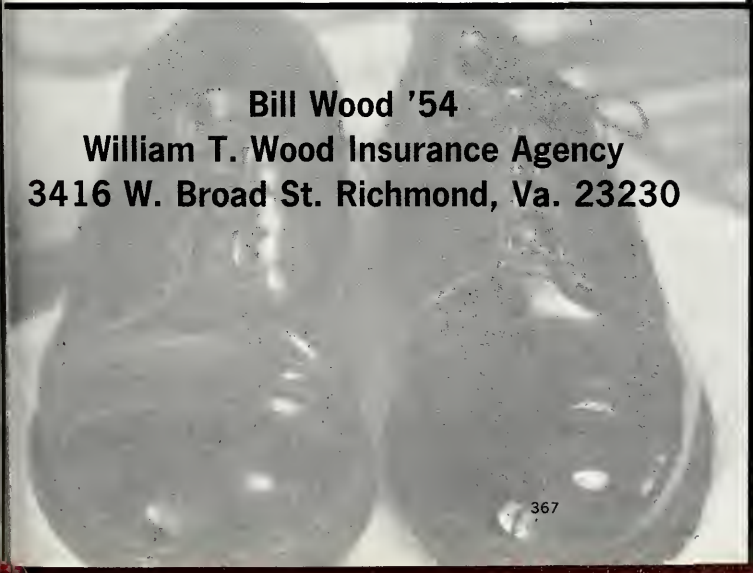

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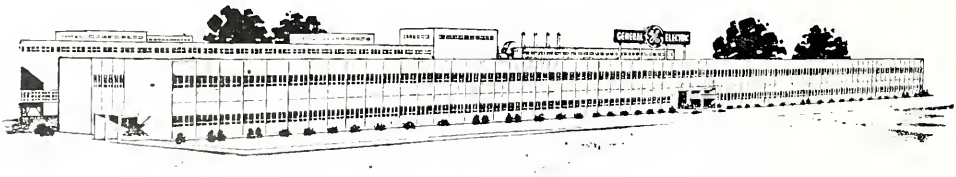

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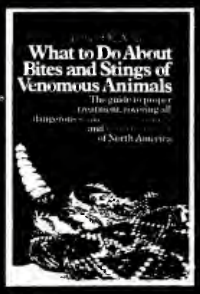

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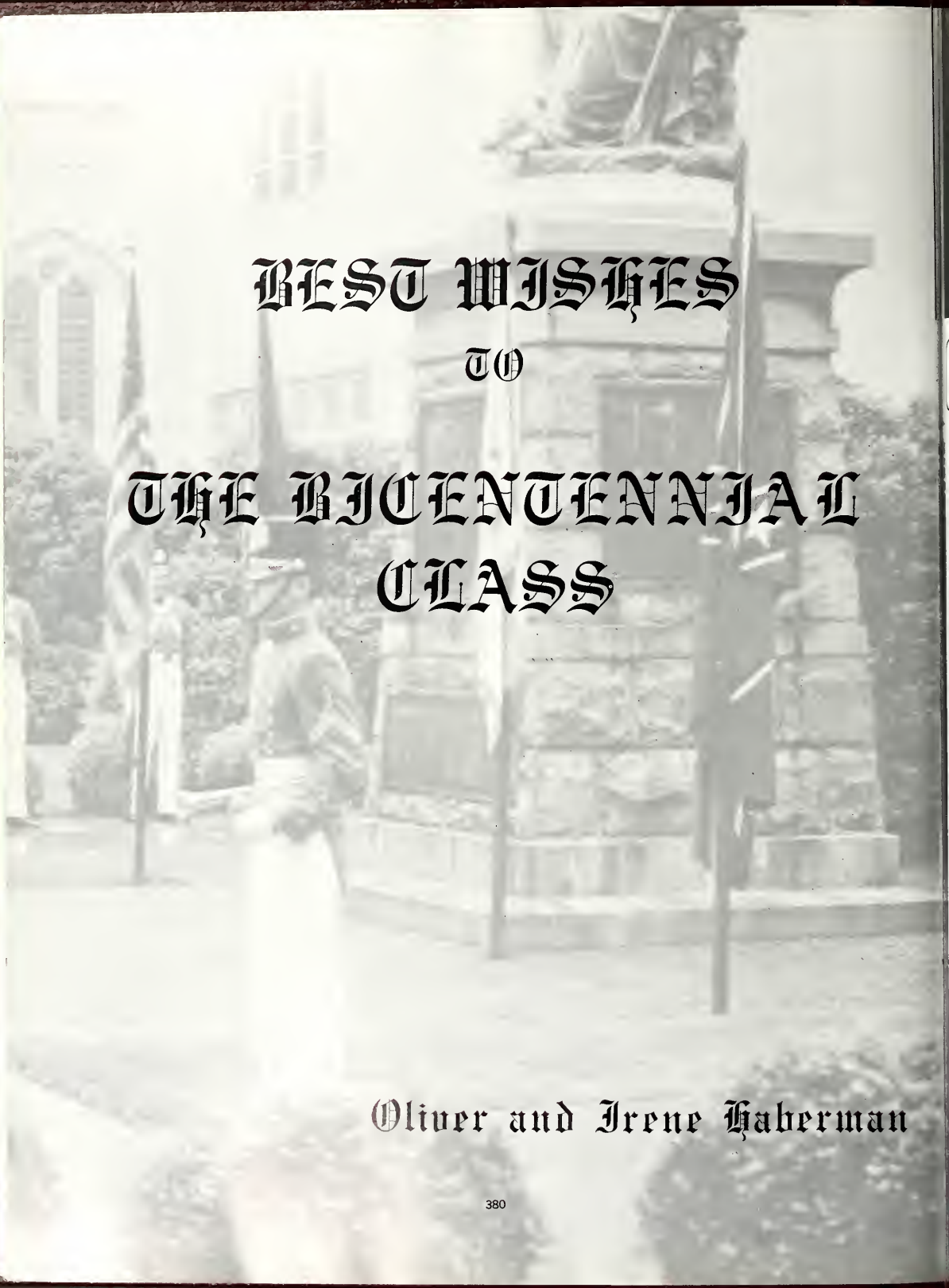

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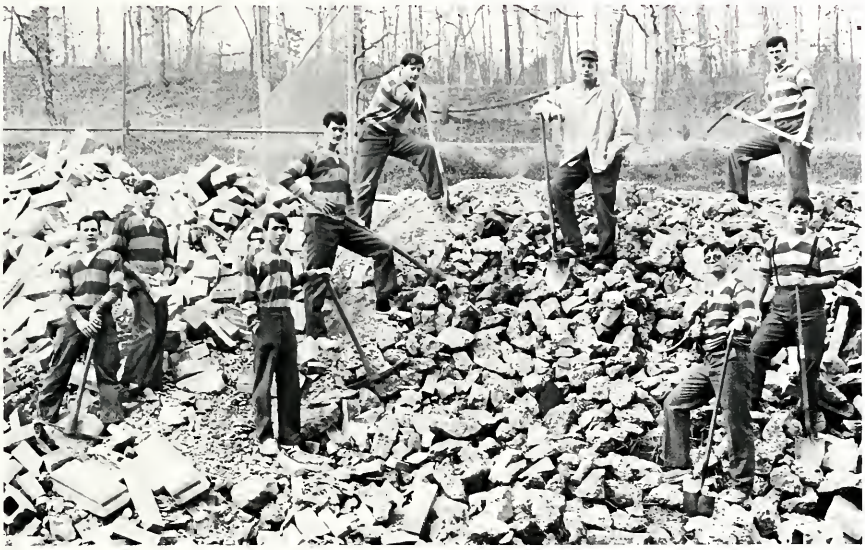

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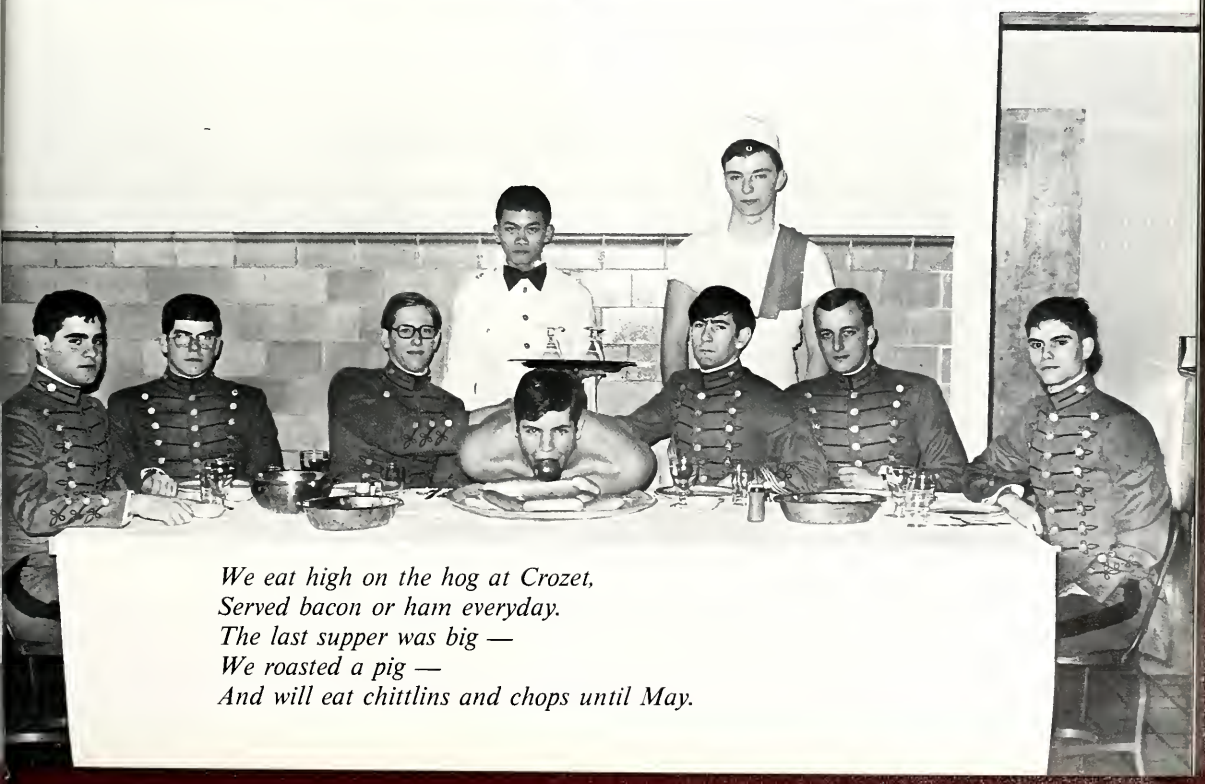

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There are problems by the battalion in putting out a yearbook at VMI — the fact that the staff works on the book only because they want to and not because they are rewarded with academic credits or salaries as are yearbook staffs at other schools; plus the loss of sleep; added to the neglected academics; and not to mention the differences of opinion and personality clashes that occur with every deadline. Even with these problems, the BOMB comes out year after year without fail. Perhaps the quality of each year's book varies from year to year, but each book represents the ideas and hard work of the editors and their staffs.

We have tried this year to put out a yearbook that will remind the class of 1976, twenty years after graduation, of VMI and their last year at the Institute. We did not try to base the entire book on the Bicentennial, for we felt that the message of such a book, in the years after the Bicentennial, would fade when dimming memories tried to recall those special events that constitute the First Class year at VMI. We did, however, create the book so that the age and traditions of VMI become obvious to those "old grads" who will look at the book and remember the Institute and their friends.

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